



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

of SCHENECTADY  
COUNTY, NEW YORK

## BULLETIN

February 2010

*Join us for*

*and for*

*Our Potluck Planning Supper Meeting*  
Wednesday, February 10, 6-9 pm .  
at Sonya Rubenstein's House  
831 Londonderry Rd.

Bring a salad  
& the Public Policy and Local Program  
(pages 7, 8,9)

*The Re-take of our  
Holiday Lunch*  
Tuesday, February 16 at Noon.  
This time at the newly done VanDyke  
on Union St. in the Stockade  
*The Same Speakers:*  
Jeff Clark & Darlene Hayes  
of Habitat for Humanity



*Entrée Choices: Cobb Salad, Chicken Panini  
Burger, Turkey Sandwich, Veggie too.*  
*Cost \$15, Dessert extra\*\**

*\*\*Call Connie (393-7061) to reserve.*

### FRIENDLY LUNCH

Tuesday, February 23, Noon  
1<sup>ST</sup> Reformed Church  
Margie Schadler will show a  
Video and discuss the role of  
Women in Morocco  
Bring your own lunch.

### FACEBOOK CLASS

Saturday, February 27th, 10:00-11:30 am  
McChesney Room, Central Library  
Registration, beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Call the Reference Desk at 388-4511.

## *Sunshine Week*

Wednesday, March 10, 7-9pm in the Board Room of the Gazette Bldg.  
2345 Maxon Rd. Ext. (excellent parking in front of building)

Bob Freeman, Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Director of the Committee on Open Government NYS  
dept of State and Gazette Managing Editor Judy Patrick will speak after showing excerpts from a video  
called "Are We Better in the Dark". Q&A to follow.

# President's Column

Greetings,

This is the League's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday nationally, and we look forward to celebrating often! We'll start with birthday cake at our February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

February 10th is the date of our annual members' **Program Planning Pot-luck** at Sonia Rubenstein's home. If you have attended in the past, you know how enjoyable this event will be. It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with League friends, enjoy Sonia's hospitality and the delicious food brought by our members, as well as discuss and recommend program priorities for the coming year for our local and national Leagues. As our state president reminds us, "this is how we remain a grassroots organization."

In this bulletin you will find the present program positions of our national and local Leagues. Please read through them and bring them with you to the meeting. Look over the positions; are there important civic issues not covered by current positions? Ask yourself if there is widespread member interest, if it is a timely issue, and if government action is the most effective way to address the problem.

For the national positions, our League is asked to propose one new study, one review or one concurrence, or to make no recommendation. Before recommending a study, Leagues need to consider the resource commitment required for our own League as well as for the national League. While technology has made it possible to reduce expenses, an increase in PMP may be required to help fund the work at the national level. As it is helpful if several Leagues are proposing or supporting the same study, if you are interested, join the LWVUS Convention Preparation discussion list. Subscriptions can be made on the national website at <https://member.lwv.org/member.asp>.

On 2/10 we will also be discussing our local action program. Proposals for change can come from our committees or individuals. It is most helpful to get these proposals at this February planning meeting. They will then be submitted to the membership for approval at our Annual Meeting in June.

We look forward to having you at this lively and important meeting to get your input about local and national action positions. See you then! Joanne

## *Gift Membership for Valentine's Day*

If you know of someone who would appreciate being a League member and you wish to gift them their membership, a Valentine gift might be just the thing! Contact Lynda Nichols at 374-1643 or [nicholsL@nycap.rr.com](mailto:nicholsL@nycap.rr.com).

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please send this membership form with your dues to Lynda Nichols, 1038 Maryland Ave. Schenectady, 12308

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership choices: Student \$20 Individual \$55 Family \$75 (Needs Adjustments can be made.)

*These yearly dues are not tax deductible*

## Can You Help with the Municipal Housing Authority Commissioner Elections?

Submitted by Pat MacKinnon

For many years the Schenectady County LWV has served as the certifying body for the Schenectady and Amsterdam Municipal Housing Authority Tenant Commissioner elections. This service project has mostly involved a small number of members checking candidate petition signatures against the current tenant lists. However, in Schenectady this year there is a possibility that there will be more than two candidates for the two Commissioner positions available, so an actual election would be required.

To encourage as much participation as possible in this democratic process, the MHA would like us to staff all 5 MHA sites from 12 noon to 8 pm on March 30 as required by their Bylaws. These sites will also be staffed by 2 MHA employees who will be performing the tenant screenings. We are looking for members who would be willing to serve either a 4 hour or 2 hour shift at a site.

In an additional trial run of the democratic process, the Schenectady Board of Elections would like to take this opportunity to use the new optical ballot scanning machines. We will have additional support from the Board of Elections at each polling site. The Board of Elections will be offering training for us on these machines during the second week of March. Some of our staff will need to attend this training.

The polling places are:

Yates Village on Van Vranken Avenue

Ten Eyck and Schonowee Village at 375 Broadway

Steinmetz Homes on Emmons St . (between Watt & Albany St. above McClellan Ave. )

MacGathan and Maryvale Apts. on Jerry St. (between Watt St. & Albany St . west of Rte. 7 )

Lincoln Heights on Veeder Ave.

This is a service project that we have undertaken for a number of years. The Schenectady League does receive a small stipend for this work, but the service that we render by facilitating the MHA Tenant Commissioner elections is of larger significance. The tenant candidate petitions are officially due by March 1, so we will know by then whether an actual election will be required. We would like to arrange for staffing before that date, so **WE NEED YOU!** If you are available to take a 4- or 2-hour shift at a polling place, please email Pat MacKinnon at [macol17@nycap.rr.com](mailto:macol17@nycap.rr.com).

## Panel Discussion on Consolidation/Shared Services Report

Submitted by Pat MacKinnon

On January 13, a well-attended panel discussion addressed the topics of Consolidation and Shared Services. John Clarkson, who served as the Executive Director of the Lundine Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness, spoke about how the commission's report strove to encourage rather than impose modernization of the many overlapping and outdated local governmental structures in New York. The Commission hopes to foster and remove impediments to shared services, mandate relief, and regional approaches. Its report and summaries are available at [www.nyslocalgov.org](http://www.nyslocalgov.org).

Kyle Wilbur is a Municipal Management Consultant to the Department of State's Division of Local Government. He described how the Division's Local Government Efficiency Grant Program provides funds for feasibility studies to

evaluate plans to consolidate or share services. A number of villages including Cobleskill, Schuylerville, and Lake George are considering dissolution, while other locations are studying health care consortiums, public safety proposals, and sanitation and transportation projects. The City of Schenectady has been awarded a \$337,500 grant to evaluate the construction of a salt storage facility that could save Schenectady, Niskayuna, Princetown, Glenville, Duanesburg and Scotia over \$1 million over 5 years. The City's application for a public safety consolidation study is still being evaluated. More information is available at [www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/sharedservices/2009Grants.htm](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/sharedservices/2009Grants.htm).

Frank Quinn has served on the Glenville Town Board for 8 years and was Town Supervisor for 4 years. Frank currently serves as a facilitator for NYSSBA. He provided information about the many shared service agreements that the Town of Glenville currently has in place, including tax collection, assessments, emergency services dispatching, animal control, senior citizen programs, park improvements, water and sewer services, code enforcement, and plowing. The Town of Glenville and the Village of Scotia have also identified areas for further discussion, including sharing of investigative personnel, fire districts, insurances, and DPW resources.

Carl Olsen is the Commissioner of General Services in the City of Schenectady . He described the initiative undertaken by Mayor Brian Stratton when he took office to address the City's financial difficulties by searching for ways to cut cost by partnering with other groups such as Metroplex, non-profits, surrounding municipalities and the County. Carl described a number of successful shared services ventures, including the City performing the trash pickup for Scotia, sharing a vehicle maintenance facility with the County and making it more efficient for everyone by starting an overnight shift as well, reaching an agreement with Union College for the improvement, use and maintenance of a Central Park baseball diamond, and a partnering with Niskayuna and the County for the purchase of sewer maintenance equipment.

Many interesting questions from the audience prompted a discussion of how successes such as these could be shared with a wider audience. This would allow voters to keep after elected officials to cut costs and improve efficiency in the provision of services.

## **Drilling in the Marcellus Shale focus of 2010 Environmental Series**

John Martin, senior project manager for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, discussed "Developing Shale Gas Resources: An Energy Bridge to the Future," on Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. in the Nott Memorial.

Martin's talk opened the 2010 Environmental Science, Policy and Engineering Winter Seminar Series at Union, "Drilling in the Marcellus Shale: Toward Energy Independence or Environmental Devastation?"

All talks are free and open to the public.

Other talks in the series:

**Feb. 3:** Dr. Kenneth Medlock III, James A Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University: "The Shale Revolution and What It Means for North American Energy Markets and Policy."

**Feb. 9:** Stuart Gruskin, executive deputy commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: "Drilling in the Marcellus Shale: Toward Energy Independence or Environmental Devastation?"

**Feb. 17:** Walter Hang, president of Toxics Targeting, an environmental database firm in Ithaca, N.Y.: "Trillion Dollar Payday or Bust? Grassroots Activism Versus Marcellus Shale Gas: How Toxics Targeting is Shaping the Future of the Largest Natural Gas Reservoir in the Nation."

All talks are at 7 p.m. in the Nott Memorial

## Community Outreach – Gwynne DeLong

### Speaker's Bureau

The League is putting together a Speaker's Bureau: a list of members who would be willing to speak on topics the League has studied or has an interest in. This list would be distributed to other community organizations, schools and groups who would have an interest in one or more of the topics available. If you are willing to share your knowledge and expertise with the community, please let us know. You can email or call me at [gdelong528@aol.com](mailto:gdelong528@aol.com), phone: 399-4501.

### Program Information

We are working on ways to share news of our programs with more of our community. At present I have reached out to a few groups who are willing to receive monthly emails from us listing upcoming League sponsored events. If you are affiliated with any groups who might like to get this kind of news via email, please email me at [gdelong528@aol.com](mailto:gdelong528@aol.com)

### Environment Committee Meeting

A full report of the January meeting with Jeff Edwards Schenectady County Planner for Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator will be published in March Bulletin or can be found on our website: [lwwsc.org](http://lwwsc.org).

The next meeting date is set for Feb 8th--the 2nd Monday--at Moon and River cafe, at 12 noon.

The agenda includes planning for 2010-11, the budget request, plans for rest of this year and reports from Pat Rush on fracking-Annual dinner speaker. Pat also has a report regarding drinking water drawn from the Great Flats aquifer, based on work reported in the New York Times on toxic waters. She has written a piece for the Gazette, and would like to share it all with the committee. A more complete agenda will be sent before the meeting.

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### Health Committee Meeting

The Health Committee will meet next on February 17th at 10 am at The Muddy Cup Cafe in Proctor's Arcade. The committee is closely monitoring the efforts at national health care reform and action recommended by the League of Women Voters of the US. We are planning an educational program on health care needs in Schenectady County and are also pursuing information about non traditional approaches to providing skilled long term care in Rensselear and Albany Counties.

Please join us if you are interested, further information is available through Carol Furman 346-2746.

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## LINCOLN, LIBERTY and LIBERATION

Saturday, February 13th 2010 • 9:30am to 12:00pm

Saratoga National Golf Club

458 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY



***For more information, please contact Kristin Overholt at 518-257-0647 or: consult our website:[lwwschenectady.org](http://lwwschenectady.org).***

### ***The Program Includes:***

*\*Performance by Phil Jessen as Abraham Lincoln,*

*\*Five-coin commemorative Lincoln penny set to the first 100 full-price reservations,*

*\*Lincoln memorabilia display,*

*\*Fabulous Prime brunch buffet and more.*

**This is a fundraiser for the Saratoga League Education Fund, but we have been promised a \$10 payment for the Schenectady Education Fund for every member who attends.**

## **Observer Corps Report**

Submitted by Mary Maitino

The Observer Corps met on January 7 at the Niskayuna Branch of the Schenectady County Public Library. We viewed and discussed three different types of recording forms, and will use them to see what works best, or if we might use selected parts of each to form a new reporting mechanism.

We also discussed pp. 7-12 of the LWV Observer's Guide. Those pages of the Guide point out the basic elements being observed: Process and Agenda. We decided that as a way of reporting what we are observing, the members would submit monthly reports to the LWV Newsletter. In this way, other committees will be made aware of matters which they may want to pursue, and would know whom to contact to receive more information.

**\*We are still in need of observers for the Scotia and Niskayuna Town Boards and School Boards.**

Please contact me if you are interested Ph 377-3248, or [marimay67@gmail.com](mailto:marimay67@gmail.com)

**Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 24, at Rotterdam Library Branch at 7:00 pm.**

County Board Report...Maxine Borom & Helga Schroeter

Resolutions honoring various Burnt Hills athletic teams,

At the "Privilege of the Floor" Helga Schroeter announced the Martin Luther King ceremony to be held on Sunday, Jan. 17. Three or four other attendees spoke to different issues.

Note: Normally LWV observers do not comment on the proceedings, but if they do the group or cause being mentioned is identified. People should not speak for the League unless authorized to do so.

Other resolutions to cooperate with Albany and Rensselaer Counties for an animal sheltering equipment grant program and two others regarding parking spaces and office space for the judiciary, as well as distribution of dog license fees to the towns, chargeback of uncollectible taxes to Scotia and Schalmont School Districts. The final resolution of the evening called for a public hearing on a law to increase the income base for grant of partial exemption from property taxes for those 65 years or older.

Metroplex Report...Ruth Bonn & Skip Darcy

Duanesburg site cleanup\_. In Duanesburg, at the intersection of 5 and 20 an old farmhouse, potentially an historic landmark in major disrepair, will be demolished. DEC & Metroplex will fund cleanup of the property. The county will forego back taxes. The town may make a small Veterans park on the site.

YMCA.\_ A public hearing is being called on the future use of the downtown YMCA. Metroplex will purchase the building in early 2013 when its contract with the state expires.. The new Y is being built on the old Center City site. The Y has a contract with the state for the housing of 190 homeless men. Rehousing is being pursued.

Metroplex hopes to find a new use for the Y building. To be used for dorm space for SCCC, would require major renovation. Developers have been consulted.

Schenectady School Board Report...Mary Maitino & Helen MacDonald

The Schenectady School Board changed the location of the mid-month study session to the Schenectady High School Commons to accommodate the increasing numbers of community members in attendance. Speakers were allowed to make statements (not previously allowed at Study Sessions) and most encouraged the Board to leave the current Board vacancy open until the May election. The Board voted to do so. Petitions were made available for the May election.

# **Public Policy Positions 2008-2010**

## **Representative Government**

**\*Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive.**

## **Voting Rights**

**\*Citizen's Right to Vote. Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.**

**\*DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation. Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and full voting representation in both houses of Congress.**

**Election Process. \*Apportionment. Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population. \*Campaign**

**Finance. Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process. \*Selection of the President.**

**Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct-popular-vote and work to abolish the Electoral College. Support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. Support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates.**

## **Citizen Rights**

**\*Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation. Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision making. \*Individual Liberties. Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights. \*Public Policy on Reproductive Choices. Protect the constitutional right**

**of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.**

## **Congress and the Presidency**

**\*Congress. Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance. \*The Presidency.**

**Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.**

## **International Relations**

**\*Promote peace in an interdependent world by working cooperatively with other nations and strengthening international organizations. \*United Nations...Support a strong, effective United Nations to promote international peace and security and to address the social, economic and humanitarian needs of all people. \*Trade...Support U.S. trade policies that reduce trade barriers,**

**expand international trade and advance the achievement of humanitarian, environmental and social goals. \*U.S. Relations with Developing Countries...Promote U.S. policies that meet long-term social and economic needs of developing countries. \*Arms Control...Reduce the risk of war through**

**support of arms control measures. \*Military Policy and Defense Spending...Work to limit reliance on military force. Examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.**

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## **Natural Resources**

**\*Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest. \*Promote the management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. \*Resource Management...Promote resource conservation,**

**stewardship and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.**

## **Environmental Protection and Pollution Control**

**\*Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment. \*Air Quality. Promote measures to reduce pollution from mobile and stationary sources. \*Energy. Support environmentally sound policies that reduce energy**

growth rates, emphasize energy conservation and encourage the use of renewable resources.

**\*Land Use.** Promote policies that manage land as a finite resource and that incorporate principles of stewardship. **\*Water Resources.** Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater and drinking water. **\*Waste Management.** Promote policies to reduce the generation and promote the reuse and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes. **\*Nuclear Issues.** Promote the maximum protection of public health and safety and the environment.

### **Public Participation**

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

### **Agriculture Policy**

Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

### **Social Policy**

**\*Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all.**

**\*Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans.**

### **Equality of Opportunity**

**\*Equal Rights.** Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA. Education,

**\*Employment and Housing.** Support equal access to education, employment and housing.

### **Fiscal Policy**

**\*Tax Policy.** Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax. **\*Federal Deficit.** Promote responsible deficit policies. **\*Funding of Entitlements.** Support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.

### **Health Care**

**\*Promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs.**

### **Immigration**

**\*Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas.** **\*Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons.** In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status.

### **Meeting Basic Human Needs**

**\*Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.** Income Assistance. **\*Support income assistance programs, based on need, that provide decent, adequate standards for food, clothing and shelter.** **\*Support Services.** Provide for essential support services. **\*Housing Supply.** Support policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.

### **Child Care**

**\*Support programs and policies to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it.** **\*Early Intervention for Children at Risk.** **\*Support policies and programs that promote the well-being, development and safety of all children.**

### **Violence Prevention**

**\*Support violence prevention programs in communities.**

**\*Gun Control...Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. Support regulation of firearms for consumer safety.**

### **Urban Policy**

**Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.**

### **Death Penalty**

**The LWVUS supports the abolition of the death penalty.**

***Whatever the issue, the League believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate financing, coordination among levels of government, effective enforcement and well defined channels for citizen input and review.***

## **League of Women Voters of Schenectady County Local Program 2009-2010**

### **Justice and the Law**

**Support improvements to the local criminal justice system by:**

- a- strengthening the Probation Department and rehabilitation programs in the County.**
- b- using The Release on Recognizance Program, excluding those who are considered a danger to themselves or the community.**
- c- facilitating the implementation of alternative courts (problem solving courts) in Schenectady County and promoting collaborations to support them.**

### **Local Government**

**\*Monitor activities of county governmental units, including town boards, the Schenectady City Council and the Schenectady County Legislature; monitor activities of other quasi- governmental units, public authorities and agencies such as Metroplex, IDAs and Planning Boards; monitor activities of elected public Boards of Education.**

**\*Support standards of high professional qualifications and political nonpartisanship in manager form of government.**

**\*Evaluate opportunities for inter-municipal cooperation and examine options for the consolidation of governmental services in Schenectady County.**

### **Children at Risk**

**\*Collaborate with other organizations to identify the needs of girls in Schenectady County and to educate the community about their needs and challenges.**

### **Local Education**

**\*Monitor local initiatives related to schools and financing education.**

### **Environmental Issues**

**\*Support environmental efforts in Schenectady County by educating, monitoring, and advocating to further environmental goals related to water resources and efforts to deal with global warming.**

**1- Work to understand, protect, and conserve the water resources of Schenectady County including the Great Flats Aquifer, the Mohawk River, and other ground water resources. This includes water treatment infrastructure, protection of recharge zones, response to spills and other pollution, and preservation of recreational use.**

**2- Promote understanding and mitigating efforts to reduce negative effects of global climate change. Support efforts to improve energy efficiency, energy conservation, use of renewable energy, and the reduction of green house gas emissions, the use of green building practices, recycling, the creation of green jobs, and local sustainable agriculture in Schenectady County.**

**3- Renew our commitment to the 1991 four League position on solid waste management.**

### **Health Services**

**\*Support and advocate for national health care reform that provides quality physical and mental health care for all citizens.**

**\*Educate our membership and others about long term care standards and develop recommendations for local options.**

**\*Encourage and support county-wide comprehensive health care planning.**

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR of Events



Tues, Feb 2... LWV Board, 1400 Keyes Ave., 4-6pm  
Mon, Feb 8....Environment Committee, Moon and River Café, 12 noon  
Mon, Feb 8.... Working Group on Girls, 3:30pm, YWCA, Washington Ave.  
Wed, Feb 10...Potluck Planning Meeting, 831 Londonderry Rd, 6-9.  
Sat, Feb 13....Lincoln, Liberty & Liberation,Saratoga National Golf Club, 9:30.

Tues, Feb 16...Holiday Lunch, VanDyke, Stockade, Noon.  
Mon, Feb 17...Health Committee, The Muddy Cup Cafe in Proctor's Arcade, 10:00 am.  
Thurs, Feb 18...Membership Committee, 1038 Maryland Ave, 2:30 pm. Call Lynda Nichols at 374-1643  
Tues, Feb 23...Friendly Lunch, 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Church, Women in Morocco, Noon  
Sat, Feb27...Facebook Class, Library, Call to reserve 388-4511.

### **For Your Information:**

*Schenectady County Legislature ...January 12, 7 pm ... 6<sup>th</sup> floor, County Office Bldg.*  
*Schenectady City Council ....January 11 & January 25, 7 pm ...City Council Chambers, City Hall.*  
*Duanesburg Town Board...January 14, 7:30 pm....Town Hall...895-8920*  
*Glenville Town Board...January 6 & 20, 7:30 pm...Glenville Municipal Center...688-1200*  
*Niskayuna Town Board...Tuesday (date varies)...7 pm....Niskayuna Town Hall...386-4510.*  
*Princetown Town Board...January 12...7pm....Princetown Hall...355-3468*  
*Rotterdam Town Board....January 13 & 27...7 pm....Chamber Room...355-7575*

**Mission Statement:** The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political 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.

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