

### Lunch & Issues

Friday, March 19, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.  
Scotch and Sirloin Restaurant  
6999 Maple Road, Amherst, NY

**Guest Speaker: Barbara S. Nucheren**,  
an attorney, a first term Amherst Town Board  
member and the only woman on the board

Cost for your full lunch: **\$15.00**  
Write checks payable to LWVBN.

For reservations, contact Sally Metzger  
[Semetz@roadrunner.com](mailto:Semetz@roadrunner.com)  
or Arlene Miles @833-1737

### Lunch and Learn

Friday, March 12, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.  
Location and cost of lunch to be announced

**Guest Speaker: Assemblywoman  
Jane Corwin**

We especially invite her constituents from other  
towns in her district.

For reservations, contact Barbara Kautz  
759-8719

### Amherst Unit News

Our observer corps in Amherst is working quite well. We have a group of from 8 to 10 women, who have agreed to attend some afternoon meetings of our Town Board. We attend the government meetings twice a month on the Monday afternoons that do not precede the evening public meetings. These are meetings where various issues are discussed by the Board that are not necessarily on the Public Evening Meeting agendas, and there are also often interesting reports from town employees. These meetings are open to the public, of course, and we try to make the League's presence known by wearing League buttons. The observers send me a short report after each session, and I also keep a file of clippings from the Buffalo News and the Amherst Bee. There are excellent reporters from both papers and they are both aware that the League is attending meetings and reading their newspaper articles as well.

*Joyce Zobel, Amherst Unit*

### Clarence Unit News

*The Clarence Unit and the Chamber of Commerce* cosponsored the meeting at which Town Supervisor Scott Bylewski delivered his annual State of the Town address.

As guest of the Clarence School Board, Diane Showalter represented us at the Erie County Association of School Boards' legislative breakfast.

Town Justice Michael Powers spoke at Lunch and Learn about the Clarence Drug Court, which was created about a year ago.

Our 2009 Finance Drive closed with a total of \$540 donated from people in the community.

*Allene Falk, Clarence Unit*



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### Save June 5, 2010

*for the LWVBN Annual Meeting and  
Celebration of 90 years of the League of  
Women Voters. Your official invitation will  
be in the April Voter.*

### The League of Women Voters Celebrates its first Ten Years

In 1930, members of state and local Leagues in 45 states participated in celebrations marking the birth of the League of Women Voters. At that time, many of the early pioneers in the suffrage movement were still active and took part in various programs nationwide.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Miss Belle Sherwin and Miss Catherine Ludington spoke on a radio hookup from a New York City Luncheon. The radio hookup allowed them to speak to League members nationwide, sharing their memories of the struggle for the ballot and encouraging members to look to their future role in government issues and studies.

Local Western New York events were covered extensively in the Buffalo News and the Courier Express. Mrs. Bruce Wright, Chairman of the Erie County League at the time, and Mrs. Melvin Porter, a past League chair, represented the Erie County League at numerous luncheons and conferences held locally and throughout the state and nation.

As we look back, through our history/archives project, we can follow these early activities and see their relationship to the present work of the League of Women Voters locally and nationally.

*Marie Hanrahan, Historian*

Membership dues and contributions to the LWV are not deductible as a personal or business expense for tax purposes.

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Make check payable to **LWVB/N** and send to **LWVB/N, 1272 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209-2401 (Attn: Membership Chair, Judy Weidemann)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$62 Individual (Basic Membership)                | <input type="checkbox"/> \$95 Household<br><i>(2 members living at the same address)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Carrie Chapman Catt Membership               | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Student membership   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Elizabeth Cady Stanton Membership            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Susan B. Anthony Membership                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$_____ |  |

**Unit Affiliation**  
*(optional)*

Amherst  
 Buffalo Metro  
 Clarence

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me the LWVB/N VOTER via email.

*This includes local, state and national League dues.*

**Membership**

If you change your email address, please send an email notifying us of the change from your new email address to: [lwvbn@lwvbn.org](mailto:lwvbn@lwvbn.org), and to me at [embondar@gmail.org](mailto:embondar@gmail.org). We need this notification to reach you by email with the latest news, advocacy requests, and information.

*Elsa Bondar, LWVB/N Grassroots Coordinator*

If you're willing to receive your VOTER by e-mail, please send a request to me at [lwvoter@verizon.net](mailto:lwvoter@verizon.net). You will help the environment, save printing and postage costs, and learn about upcoming events at least a week earlier than folks who receive the printed copy.

*Terri Parks, VOTER Editor*

**Welcome to New Members:** Michael Billoni, Grand Island  
 Beverly Gallagher, East Aurora  
 Emily Paulson, Amherst  
 Lois Dabney, Buffalo  
 Mary Ellen Marlette, Amherst



**In Memory of Margit Spector**

Thank you to those who responded to Margit's request to honor her memory with a contribution to our League. To others who may still want to do so, it is not too late to be included. Please send your contribution the LWVBN Office, 1272 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209.

We're saddened to report the deaths this winter of Norma Klayman and Joan Dosch, long time League members.

**Message from JoAnn Ross**

This is to inform you that I have resigned from my NYS League of Women Voters board position effective February 1, 2010. My husband has been assigned to work in Baltimore where I intend to join him. I will remain a member of the Buffalo/Niagara League and will also continue to work with the NYS League in a consultative capacity, when needed, in the finalization of projects that I have started.

I appreciate the opportunities given me as a board member and have enjoyed working with all of the New York State local leagues in the area of Civic Education and Youth programs.

*In League, JoAnn Ross*

Our Coffee Project has contributed \$84.00 to LWVBN. The nice profit on each order helps build the League treasury, and helps small farmers in developing countries earn their fair share from coffee sales. Of course, you will enjoy a delicious cup of coffee or make a gift recipient very happy with each purchase.

Call *Ann Shub* at 688-2173 or e-mail her at [alshub@verizon.net](mailto:alshub@verizon.net).

MARCH 2010						
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