

## SAVE THE DATES

### United Nations Event

Nov. 9 – NYC

### 2011 Students Inside Albany

April 10-13 – Albany

### 2011 State Convention

May 20-22 - Albany

## United Nations Event

The state League is pleased to offer the United Nations Event this year. It will be held on Tuesday, November 9 in New York City. Although the UN building is under renovations, we continue to offer the tours of the UN, lunch and a briefing by UN affiliate agencies. The topic this year will be women and microfinancing. Watch from more details in September.

## Fall 2010 Debates

The New York City LWV requested and received permission from LWVNYS to co-sponsor a debate with WABC for the Democratic primary candidates for Attorney General. It was aired on July 18th. You can view it at <http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/politics&id=7561181>.

## 2010 LWVNYS Council

The 2010 proposed budget was adopted by the local Leagues through the Council Kit. The Leagues also approved the proposed concurrence on Marriage Equality, but with the approval of the concurrence at the National Convention on this issue, NYS will not need to adopt its own position (see Convention summary). The local Leagues also provided numerous Directions to the Board which can be found in the July SBR on the website.

## New State Board Members

The League State board has appointed two new members: Judie Gorenstein (Huntington) as Director of Citizen Education and Youth Programs and Bo Lipari (Tompkins Co.) as Director of Technology. Assisting Judie with the Youth Programs (off-board) will be Judi Roth (Hamptons) and Lisa Scott (Smithtown). Welcome!

## Students Inside Albany Conference

The 2011 *Students Inside Albany* Conference will be held on April 10-13 in Albany. More information will be available soon but start thinking about ways to select a student from your League to join this conference on leadership and lobbying.

## Redistricting Reform

Redistricting reform is the crucial reform effort on the immediate horizon in NYS. Every League has an important role to play in this effort. By raising public awareness of the need for reform and the consequences of not acting in time for post - 2010 census redistricting, local Leagues can help put our state on the right path for the future. We need to stop legislators from choosing their voters, not the other way around.

Toward that end, we have asked each local League to organize a community forum on the issue of redistricting this fall. The state League will provide all the materials and information for the meeting. If you are interested in this topic, tell your local League President and help develop this forum in your area. Look for more information on this issue on our website.

## Local Consolidation Study

The state League board approved the results from the statewide study on local consolidation and shared services at the July meeting. Check out the full position on the League's website

*The League of Women Voters of New York State (League) supports the efficient and effective operation of government. Consolidation of governmental units and the sharing of major governmental services may be a way of promoting the efficient and effective operation of government. In achieving this goal, the League supports a cooperative and transparent process, in which citizens have sufficient and timely information with which to make informed decisions about proposed actions, and well-defined channels for citizen input and review.*

## LWVUS National Convention

Much has been written about the wonderful speakers and the ambitious program that was in large part moved forward by New York State delegates at the national Convention. The delegates adopted **two new studies – one on the role of the federal government in education and the other on privatization of governmental functions.** Many thanks to **Tomkins County League member Kay Wagner**, who spearheaded the successful resolution to expand the LWVUS' global warming legislative priority to encompass mineral extraction, **Tompkins County League member Rebecca Elgie**, who put forward the successful Medicare for All resolution, **Saratoga County League member Lori Dawson**, who was instrumental in both the National Popular Vote and Marriage Equality concurrences. While states are not required to actively support nationally adopted concurrences, they cannot act in opposition to them. At its July meeting, the LWVNYS board determined to act in accordance with the national concurrence. For more information about the Convention, see the League's website (national or state).

## 1919 Society

Don't forget to include the state League in your will - and join the 1919 Society. If you already have included the League in your will, just let us know and we'll add you to the members of the Society. We will not ask for either proof of the bequest or its amount - we just want to honor your future support. As a member, your name will be engraved on a plaque in the state League office, listed in the *State Voter*, and on the website.

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