



State News

The League of Women Voters of New York State

March 2010

Upcoming Events

April 11-14

Students Inside Albany Conference
Albany

April 20, 2010

Fair Pay Summit and Advocacy Day
LOB, Albany

May 5

“Albany On the Record” in Albany

May 14-16

Spring Fling Weekend in NYC

June 11-June 15

LWVUS Convention
Atlanta, GA.

May 20-22, 2011

LWVNYS State Convention, Albany

“Albany On the Record”

On May 5, 2010, the League will co-sponsor Albany on the Record, an educational event in which it will bring citizens to Albany to hear the positions of the state's leading political figures on how they will reform Albany. The League is organizing busses to this event from around the state; locations will be determined based on registrations received. Travel is free, and lunch will be provided. Sign up on the state League website, www.lwvny.org, by email to may5@lwvny.org, or call the state office.

Spring Fling Weekend in NYC

Experience the wonder of Manhattan in the spring! Come to the League's Spring Fling, with activities scheduled for Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 16. The kick-off will be a Friday evening cocktail party at the lovely Manhattan home of Sally Robinson, state League Director of Issues and Advocacy, followed on Saturday with tours of Ellis Island, the King Tut exhibit, attendance at *South Pacific* at Lincoln Center, and more. Reservations for the Cocktail Party will be received until May 1, but after March 26, reservations for the tours and theater may be limited. Call the state office to make a reservation.

Georgia DeGregorio Appointed “Ruth Shur Fellow”

LWVNY VP of Membership Georgia DeGregorio was selected to part of the first class of Ruth Shur Fellows. Georgia is one of 12 league members from around the country selected for this program to promote membership and leadership in the League. Georgia recently met with the other Shur fellows in Washington, D.C. to launch the program with three days of training. Congratulations Georgia! We have no doubt that New York will benefit from your experience.

Fair Pay Summit & Advocacy Day

Join the NYS Pay Equity Coalition at the Legislative Office Building on April 20 for action on Fair Pay for all. The coalition is working to pass job-title pay equity legislation in fields where women and people of color are the majority of the workforce. This is a free event and a good opportunity to learn more about this issue.

Growth in MAL Units

The LWVNYS Board recently approved establishment of three new MAL Units in NYS: Hamilton County, St. Lawrence County, and Orange County. And, we have interest and activity for creating units in Wayne County and Westbury. The MAL Unit in Warren County is also preparing to become a full-fledged local League later this year. Let's keep growing!

LWVNYS President in DC

Betsy Swan, LWVNYS President was invited by Oxfam of America to attend a Sisters on the Planet conference earlier this month in Washington, D.C. and to become one of approximately 100 Ambassadors of the organization. During the conference they learned how women in developing countries are the hardest hit by the effects of climate change and lobbied Congress for cap and trade legislation and a commitment to allocation of resources to women in developing countries to enable them to adapt to their lives to the realities of climate change.

1919 Society

In celebration of the League's ninetieth birthday, the New York League is happy to announce creation of the 1919 Society. To join the 1919 Society, all you have to do is include the LWVNYS in your will. 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.

You have worked so hard for the League for so many years. Why not help to ensure the future of the League by including support for the League in your will? Call the state office and become a member.

LWVNYS 2010 Council

In April all local Leagues will be receiving a packet of information and forms as part of the 2010 Council. The packet will include the proposed 2010-2011 state budget and program proposals. At its March meeting the board recommended an amendment to League program to include a four-month concurrence with the LWV Maine position on marriage equality. In the event that the concurrence on the same issue being presented at the national convention in June is adopted by the delegates, it will be unnecessary for us to undertake this at the state level. Watch for more information and the packets and be sure to have your local League respond by June 2.

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