Healthcare Presentation

Tues. April 26
7:30pm at
Elm Park Methodist Church

Judith Sweet, RN, BSN Community Liaison
Judith is employed with At Home Care/At Home Care Partners, Inc., which is a Medicare Certified Home Health Agency as well as a licensed home care service agency, caring for residents of Otsego, Delaware, Herkimer and Schoharie Counties.
Judith's talk will cover the new Telehealth Care Initiative for acutely ill patients and how this system enables nurses to interact with the patient's physician to develop a treatment plan. Nurses out in the field can be utilized in a more productive manner which leads to a more efficient delivery system for home health care and is a cost saving method of home care delivery.

Catherine A. LaFontaine – LWV Board Member – Healthcare Committee
Cathy will speak on various aspects of issues that surround our healthcare system and how it operates. Cathy will present a brief history of Medicare and its intended purpose as a safety net for the elderly, the need for "Fixing Medicare" along with future needs in the delivery of healthcare in the US. She will also touch upon possible tools for fostering advocacy for healthcare reform.

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LWV-Oneonta Annual Meeting & Dinner
Celebrating 40 years!

Iannelli's Restaurant

Tuesday, May 24
6pm Social Hour
6:30pm Buffet Dinner
(Beef, Chicken and Vegetarian options)
7:00pm Program
Followed by our annual business meeting

Bring a guest
Dinner reservation and prepayment required by May 16
(See reservation form & dues notice on the last page of this Bulletin)

See slate of officer and director nominees, and 2005-06 budget on pgs. 3-5. LWV Oneonta's positions appear on pg. 8.

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County Board to implement weighted voting plan in January — All districts must elect representatives this fall

The Otsego County Board of Representatives will begin to operate under weighted voting, beginning in January 2006.

Reps will be accorded votes in proportion to each district’s population as measured by the 2000 US Census. A total of 6197 votes will be assigned as follows (districts listed in order of population):

District 5: New Lisbon, Hartwick and Milford, 626 votes
District 3: Otsego and Laurens, 559 votes
District 6: Worcester, Westford, Maryland and Decatur, 532 votes
District 4: Town of Oneonta, 499 votes
District 2: Morris, Butternuts and Pittsfield, 495 votes
District 10: Edmeston, Exeter, Burlington and Plainfield, 485 votes
District 1: Unadilla, 455 votes
District 7: Cherry Valley, Roseboom & Middlefield, 420 votes
District 8: Town of Otsego, 390 votes
District 14: City of Oneonta, 388 votes
District 9: Richfield and Springfield, 377 votes
District 13: City of Oneonta, 330 votes
District 12: City of Oneonta, 326 votes
District 11: City of Oneonta, 334 votes

The decision to adopt weighted voting rather than redraw district lines was made by the County Board in November 2003.

Each of the current district representative positions will be up for election this fall. Nominating petitions will begin circulating in June. ☆

Welcome New Member

Vivien Anderson
27 Elm St. Oneonta
432-1224

Upcoming LWV Events

Tues. April 26
General Meeting on Healthcare
Judith Sweet and Cathy LaFontaine, presenters
7:30pm at Elm Park Methodist Church
Chestnut Street, (West End) Oneonta

Sat. May 7
Highway Cleanup w/ SUCCO students
2-3 Supervisors/Drivers needed – contact
Lucille Wiggins, 432-1022

Tues. May 10
Oneonta School Board Candidate Forum
(If there are contested seats)
Location and time TBA

Fri. May 20 – Sun. May 22
LWV NYS Convention
At Desmond Hotel in Albany – Members interested in attending as an observer or volunteer contact Maggie Winnie at 432-6206.

Tues. May 24
LWV Oneonta Annual Meeting and Dinner
Iannelli’s Restaurant, 6pm
(See reservation form on page 8)

LWV of the Oneonta Area
Officers & Board of Directors

Maggie Winnie  President
Kay Stullgrose  Vice President
Patricia Gourlay  Secretary
Elizabeth Burns  Treasurer
Dorothy Bloom  Observer Corps
Karen Geasey  Voter Service
Peg Hathaway  Action/Publicity
Susan Hughson  Finance
Barbara Hein  Bulletin Editor
Catherine LaFontaine  Health Care
Elizabeth Orton  Death Penalty Study

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The LWV does not support or oppose candidates or political parties, but does support or oppose issues after study and member agreement. Membership is open to all men and women of voting age.

The LWV Oneonta Bulletin is published 10 times per year for members and friends. ☆
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:
Dear Members and Friends of the League,

SPRING IS HERE. Those words are always welcomed after the winter season. With the spring come lots of activities for all including our organization. I hope you have put our meetings coming up in April and May on your calendars. Cathy LaFontaine and her committee have planned an important program on health issues for our General Meeting on April 26 (See pg 1.)

Our Annual Meeting and Dinner is on May 24 - right after the New York State LWV’s Convention in Albany. Our membership numbers allow for four voting delegates to the state convention. As of now, there are only three. Is there anyone else who would like to go as a voting delegate? Your may also go as an observer on Friday night or Saturday. For more details, give me a call.

Members, look for LWV-NY “Big League” Raffle tickets in your mail. We’ve been very lucky the last two conventions - but even if one of our own doesn’t win this time, our local league will benefit from sales by our members. I hope you can sell or buy some tickets to help our League as well as the State League.

Liz Orton has worked very hard on the Death Penalty study these past two years and you know that the State League has come out against the death penalty. Ann Brandon, the LWVNY Off-Board Specialist for the Death Penalty has indicated encouragement from Speaker Silver as he stated "I have doubts whether it's worth it for us to have a death penalty." You may sign an online petition that calls for the abolition of the death penalty in New York by going to the "Network for Justice" website. If you agree with the League's position, you are urged to contact your Assemblyperson and Speaker Silver to let them know.

HAVA/New Voting Systems for New York State-- where does the League stand on this important issue? The New York State League has supported Precinct Based Optical Scan Systems over DRE’s. For more information, go the League's website--www.lwvny.org.

Maggie Winne☆

ATTENTION ALL LWV-ONEONTA MEMBERS:

Please review the following report from the Nominating Committee, as well as the Proposed Budget on pages 4-5, and Local Positions listed on page 8. These will all be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting on May 24th.

Thanks to this year's Nominating Committee Chair, Sander Fleisher, and to Katie Koz for her work on the Budget.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2005-2006

President Kay Stulgross
Vice President Maggie Winne
Secretary Anne Collins (One Year)
Director Karen Geasey
Director Shirley Fioravanti

CONTINUING FOR ONE YEAR:

Treasurer Elizabeth Burns
Director Barbara Hein
Director Cathy LaFontaine

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Co-chairs Peg Hathaway and Susan Hughson

NOTE: Additional nominations may be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting (with the nominee’s consent). ☆
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LWV of the Oneonta Area Positions

Government, City and Town of Oneonta - Assure that there is a public hearing for each proposed ordinance and local law before the Common Council/Town Board takes action. Support of a statutory period for public comment at the beginning of each Common Council/Town Board meeting.

Government, Otsego County - Support of an appointed county administrator who has demonstrated the necessary education, training, experience and ability to manage the day-to-day operation of Otsego County government.

Support of equitable apportionment of the Otsego County Board of Representatives.

Study the structure and function of counties with a significantly smaller number of districts than 14.

Planning - Support of long-range planning policies for Otsego County with emphasis on the Town and City of Oneonta. Support of closer cooperation between the Town and City governments in providing services. Endorsement of the Greater Oneonta Task Force Study.

Reassessment in the City and Town of Oneonta: Support for frequent updating in the City and Town of Oneonta of assessed real property values to assure that equity continues. That taxes should be equitable is a basic principle of the LWV. Regular review of tax exempt status and public disclosure of payments in lieu of taxes. Clear communication with property owners and the general public regarding assessment issues.

Schools - Support of community involvement in Oneonta schools. Encourage openness between the Oneonta School Board and the community.

Solid Waste - Support for waste reduction, reuse and recycling as the most desirable strategy to combat the problem of solid waste management. Firm opposition to open burning. Support measure intended to expand the types of items recycled, such as tires and batteries. 

LWV of the Oneonta Area
Annual Dinner Reservation Form & Membership Dues 2005-06

Name(s)______________________________________________

Address______________________________________________

Phone____________________________________ Email______________________________________________

Individual Dues ($40) $________________

Additional Household member ($20) $________________

Annual Dinner (_____ people @ $20 each) $________________

Additional Contribution to LWV Oneonta
(NOT Tax-deductible) $________________

Total (payable to LWV Oneonta) $________________

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(Make separate check payable to Oneonta LWV EF)

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by May 16th
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