We are honored to have Kay J. Maxwell, President of the
League of Women Voters of the United States as our guest
speaker at our upcoming Fall Membership Dinner!

Following our social hour and potluck dinner, she will speak
to us about “Safeguarding the Vote: 5 Things Voters Need to
Know on Election Day.” Members are encouraged to invite
guests, and the public is welcome to attend the program
portion of the evening, beginning at approximately 7:30pm.

Ms. Maxwell, longtime resident of Greenwich, Connecticut,
has been a League member since 1976. She first became
involved with the LWV at the national level in the early
1980’s, as a lobby corps member. After serving as budget
chair for the LWVUS from 1996-1998, Ms. Maxwell was
elected to the League’s national board as first vice president.
She conducted training of women leaders in Bosnia and was
the Oversight Trustee for several League international
programs.

Ms. Maxwell’s international community service led her to
become an active participant in the U.S. Department of
State’s International Speakers Program. Since 1999, Ms.
Maxwell has traveled to Israel, the West Bank, Rwanda,
Kuwait and Jamaica, to conduct civic participation training
sessions for women political, NGO and business leaders.

Professionally, Ms. Maxwell’s international expertise
elevated her to a leadership role in the International
Executive Service Corps (IESC), an international economic
development organization. Ms. Maxwell worked for the
Connecticut-based IESC from 1993-2003, broadening her
portfolio from programmatic work in the Newly
Independent States, Asia, Africa and the Near East to the
administration of programs worldwide.

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Active in the Connecticut state League (LWVCT) since the mid-1980s, Ms. Maxwell served as the field service vice president from 1985 to 1989. Her work during those four years helped revitalize the League’s corporate image. Ms. Maxwell ascended to the presidency of the Connecticut League in 1989, serving in this capacity until 1993. She continues to moderate televised Connecticut League political debates for candidates seeking statewide office.

Ms. Maxwell has served on boards for several nonprofit and educational organizations, and received recognition at the local, state and national level. She is an alumna of Smith College and the University of Pennsylvania, holding a B.A. in International Relations. She and her husband Steve have one son, John. ☆

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**Upcoming LWV Events**

- **Sept 8** – Candidate Forum – Primary Election candidates for 24th Congressional District and Otsego County Board 13th District. At Morris Hall, SUNY Oneonta, 7-9pm
- **Sept 9** – Death Penalty Study Committee Meeting 1st United Methodist Church, 6pm – committee chair Liz Orton 538-1253
- **Sept 11** – Grand and Glorious Garage Sale downtown Oneonta, 9am-4pm. Call Karen Geasey 432-8158 to volunteer for our Voter Registration table.
- **Sept 12** – Peace Festival Neahwa Park 1pm-4pm. More Voter registration, see above.
- **Sept 13** – LWV Oneonta Board of Directors Meeting* Maggie Winnie’s home, 7pm, 432-6206
- **Sept 14** – Primary Election 12-9
- **Sept 28** – Fall Membership Dinner Meeting (Potluck) w/ LWVUS President Kay Maxwell 6pm @ St. James Episcopal Church Hall
- **Oct 5** – United Nations Day
- **Oct 11** – LWV Oneonta Board Meeting
- **Oct 23** – New Member Orientation 10 Walnut St, 10am / Adopt-a-Highway Denny’s, 8am
- **Oct 26** – Candidate Forum Morris Hall, SUNY Oneonta, 7-9pm

*All board meetings are open to any member, please call for info/directions.

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**MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY 2004-2005**

Please take a few minutes to fill out the form included with this Bulletin.

Your membership in the League of Women Voters of the Oneonta Area is important. Your participation keeps our League vital – and you’ll find that League is more interesting when you’re involved. Time commitments can be brief, moderate, or lasting, so we’d like to know what you would like to do.

Look over this Interest Sheet and sign up for an activity that fits your interests and availability year. Share your skills with the League. Try something new! It’s a great way to meet new people and to promote the League’s goals. Thanks! ☆

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**Adopt-a-highway crew strikes again**

Next time you’re driving on Route 88 Eastbound between exits 15 and 16, toot your car horn for Lucille Wiggins and her highway cleanup volunteers. The last successful operation took place in the early morning hours (8-10am) of Thursday, August 12.

Three times per year, Lucille gets a crew together and, armed with official Department of Transportation helmets, orange vests and trash bags, they stroll along the roadside, gathering artifacts of modern mobile lifestyles. Typically, several large bags of jetsam are removed from the countryside and returned to the waste stream.

Those of us who enjoyed other summertime pursuits on August 12 can redeem ourselves by volunteering to help out on Saturday, October 23. Call Lucille (432-1022) and tell her you’ll meet the crew at Denny’s parking lot at 8am. Bring some gloves and plan for a morning of light exercise, camaraderie and interesting discoveries. ☆

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**DIVERSITY POLICY**

The League of Women Voters of the Oneonta Area, in both its values and practices, is committed to diversity and pluralism. There shall be no barriers to participation in the League. The League of Women Voters of the Oneonta Area recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making.
League of Women Voters of the Oneonta Area

Member Interest Survey 2004-2005

Name __________________________ Telephone (H) __________________
e-mail __________________________ (W) __________________
Address __________________________

PLEASE CHECK THE AREAS WHERE YOU ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR!
THANKS!

VOTER SERVICE

Oct. 19 Candidate Forum Greeter ___________ Timer ________________________
Oct. 26 Candidate Forum Greeter ___________ Timer ________________________
May 10, 2004 School Board Candidate Forum Greeter ___________ Timer ______

Register Voters ________________ Deliver Facts for Voters / Voter Guides ______

ACTION

Write letters, make phone calls, send e-mails, interview our legislators

Redistricting Otsego County is our top action local item right now. We receive Action Calls from the State and National Leagues on many League issues.

ROAD CLEAN UP

Join the clean up crew for trash pick up one to three times a year __________________
The next pick up will be Oct. 21, 2004 8:00 a.m

MEMBERSHIP  [Every member belongs to this committee!]

Hostess for meetings _________ Telephone chain _________
Provide refreshments for a meeting _________ Be a "Buddy" to a new member _________
Invite potential members __________________

Wilber Bank Window, Sept. 27 ___________ Library Display case, May 2, 2005 ___________
OBSERVER CORPS

Attend City Common Council meetings________________________
Town Board Meetings________________________
County Board Meetings________________________
School Board Meetings________________________

PROGRAM

Join a committee______ or gather information______________ on League issues.

Active committees:
Death Penalty Study______ County Government__________ Health Care _________

Program areas in need of a monitor or committee:
Environment ______ Housing ________ Education ________
Employment ________ Campaign Finance__________ Election Reform _______
Trade________ Judicial System_______ Gun control _________
Domestic Violence________________

FINANCE

Suggest names for our annual finance letter:
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Make follow-up phone calls after the letters have been sent__________

Help with mailing______________, Write thank you notes____________________

Solicit bulletin ads________________________

Host Bed-Without-Breakfast________________________

SHARE YOUR SKILLS

Writing__________ Public speaking __________ Graphic Arts ________

Computer__________ Web site __________ Other______________

Thanks for filling out this sheet!

Please return to Kay Stuligross 10 Walnut St Oneonta, NY 13820
Questions? Call 432-6974
MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the summer issue, we got to know Karen Geasey and Kay Stuligross. This month we continue our series profiling local Board members.

Maggie Winne

Maggie is a retired educator—having taught business courses for Sharon Springs and Canajoharie Central School Districts as well as SUNY Cobleskill. She moved to Oneonta in 1991 to be near her youngest son and his family. Her two granddaughters are a source of great pride—one is a senior at Oneonta High School and the other is a freshman at Ithaca College who spent last year in Costa Rica as a Rotary Exchange student.

A member of the Fox Hospital Auxiliary and the Elm Park Methodist Church, Maggie sets a commendable example of service to others in many ways. On a typical day, you might see Maggie volunteering at the Fox Hospital Gift Shop, organizing a church luncheon, or tending to LWV business. She’s held leadership positions on her Church Boards, and served as President of several organizations, including the Sharon Springs Teacher’s Organization, Eastern Star and the 20th Century Women’s Club. She has belonged to the Center for Continuing Adult Education since its founding in 1993.

Curious about the League and its involvement in local government issues, Maggie first joined in 1998. The following year, she was recruited to the Board of Directors where she quickly became active in a variety of League projects: coordinating the Students Inside Albany essay competition, attending County Board meetings for the Observer Corps, and researching how counties similar to Otsego are governed across New York State. She served as Secretary before assuming the role of President in the spring of 2003.

As awesome as she is, Maggie is the first to remind us that the LWV needs input from all of us to accomplish our goals—and that’s the job of a good leader! ♥

STUDY UPDATE:
THE DEATH PENALTY IN NY STATE

Local study committee members have been assigned specific topics to research in preparation for our membership consensus meeting on November 16. At that meeting, all interested members will be invited to consider several questions for consensus. The results of our local meeting will be passed on to the state study committee, who will determine whether League members across the state have reached consensus on the questions.

Consensus/group discussion is the technique most often used in the League for reaching member agreement. In this process, members participate in group discussion of an issue. The “consensus” reached by members through group discussion isn’t a simple majority, nor is it unanimity; rather it is the overall “sense of the group” as expressed through the exchange of ideas and opinions. All interested members are able to participate, and the results of local consensus groups then determine whether consensus at a state or national level is possible.

Consensus questions are intended to identify specific areas of agreement as a basis for action. The New York State LWV (and local Leagues within NYS) may only act on statewide issues that have been subjected to this process. If the League has no consensus on an issue, no action can be taken as an organization.

All members who are concerned about the issue of the Death Penalty in New York State should plan to attend the consensus meeting on November 16. More information on the specific questions to be addressed will appear in next month’s Bulletin, but you may also find abundant information and resources online through www.lwvny.org. Printed materials are also available, contact study committee chair Liz Orton at 538-1253. ♥

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Voter Registration Time is Here!

Our League’s Voter Service activities have begun in full swing. We have registration events planned at several venues in Oneonta so far. The BIG news for voter registration efforts is that the Otsego County Election Commissioners have decided NOT to require copies of photo I.D., such as a driver’s license, or copies of Social Security Cards. This is a great relief for us since we don’t have to try to have a copy machine available at all our registration drives. New voters need only to give their driver’s license number or the last 4 digits of their Social Security number, as requested on the voter registration form.

The League assisted SUCO students in registering on Thurs., Aug. 26 and Fri., Aug. 27 during their first week at school. We will also have a table at their Expo evening on Thurs., Sept. 9 when community organizations are represented to attract potential student volunteers. An important part of our registration efforts is to remind college students who have already been voting in our area that they need to re-register if they have moved since they last voted. Their polling places may be different since the campuses are divided into several polling districts. County residents who move must re-register for the same reasons.

Our county also allows college students to either vote by absentee ballot or vote in this county. They must register using their new address in this county and they will receive a postcard telling them where to vote. Voting by absentee ballot is a two-step mailing process that may require some explanation. We encourage students to vote by absentee ballot if they are particularly interested in races going on in their home district. If they haven’t voted before and are not particularly interested in races at home, we encourage them to vote here, especially during a presidential election year. Students can make a fun time of going to vote together, especially for the President.

The League will have a table on Main St. at the Grand and Glorious Garage Sale from 9am - 4pm on Sat., Sept. 11 and also at the Peace Festival at Neahwa Park on Sun., Sept. 12 from 1pm - 4pm. Our new table display looks very nice and is sure to attract attention.

We are scheduled to have a Candidates’ Debate on Wed., Sept. 8 in the Craven Lounge in Morris Hall on the SUNY Oneonta campus from 7:30pm, for the 24th Congressional District and the 13th District of the Otsego County Board of Representatives Primary candidates. We will also have a Candidates’ Debate on Tuesday, October 26 for the same seats (General Election candidates). We will need League volunteers to help as timers and ushers. We will distribute the new New York Voters’ Guides and our local Voters’ Guides that evening as well. Again, call me, 432-8158 if you can help!

Please check out our website at www.lwvoteonta.org and see all the Voter Registration deadlines and all information such as links to download a Voter Registration form or Absentee Ballot form. DNet is up and running at www.DNet.org and you can check there for lots of interesting election information and some insight into candidates’ views on issues.

Karen Geasey, Voter Service Director
432-8158

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**Like what the League is doing to encourage citizen participation in government?**

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