VISIT TO SENECA FALLS:
WOMEN’S RIGHTS MUSEUM
AND WOMEN’S HALL OF FAME

Join Us On
Saturday, September 21

For an All Day Program Arranged
With the Staffs of the Museum and
The Women’s Hall of Fame

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TRIP TO SENECA FALLS
If you haven’t been to the Women’s Rights Museum National Park in Seneca Falls or you want to enjoy it again with a group of League members, this is your chance! The day trip will take place on Saturday, September 21. We have arranged a schedule for the day with staff of the Women’s Rights Museum and the Women’s Hall of Fame.

Travel plans:
• We will meet at Cass Park parking lot (by the skating rink) at 7:30 AM to arrange for car-pooling. The drive is about 1 and ½ hours. If you prefer you may drive yourself, or with friends, and meet us at the Visitor Center.
• There are no admission fees at the National Park but you will need to pay for your own lunch.
• We plan to leave after 4:00 and return to Ithaca around 6:00 PM. (You may choose to leave earlier)

Here’s our schedule:
9:00 to 10:15 — Visitor Center of the Women’s Rights Museum for film and exhibits. 136 Fall Street.

10:30 to 11:15 — Wesleyan Chapel — a Park Ranger will be there to guide us. 136 Fall Street

11:30 to 12 noon — Stanton House — a Park Ranger guided tour. 32 Washington Street

12:00 to 1:30 PM — Lunch at Abigails Restaurant. Please plan to join us for lunch: but if you do you must call Kay Sharp at 272-4748 so that she can reserve a place for you. 1978 Rte. 20, Waterloo

2:00 to 4:00 PM — National Women’s Hall of Fame. There’s an extensive gallery exhibit and gift shop. 76 Fall Street.

We plan return to Ithaca by 5:30 or 6:00 PM.

For detailed information about the Seneca Falls offerings, including photos, descriptions, history and practical information like driving directions, visit the two sites: http://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm and http://www.greatwomen.org/

This information is also available at our League’s website, http://lwvtompkins.org/

Florence Smith, VP for Program

LWV-TC AND TCPL SPONSOR A
CANDIDATES’ FORUM
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:
FOUR CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COURT JUDGE

Tuesday, September 3
7:00-8:30
Borg-Warner Room
Tompkins County Public Library

HEALTH CARE
As you may know, the Health Care Reform or ‘Obamacare’ will take effect on January 1, 2014. In New York, adults up to age 64 will be eligible to purchase health insurance through the Health Benefit Exchange, beginning on October 1, 2013. Our program will provide information about how the exchange will work, who is eligible and how to get help making health insurance decisions in Tompkins County.

The program will be held on Monday evening November 18. We will have a panel of experts to describe the process and answer your questions. Expect more details in the October bulletin.

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VOTER SERVICES
After an exciting time at the LWVNY State Convention, Voter Services is up and running with plans for the Fall! Kay Sharp and Lucia Sciore registered 50 new voters at Ithaca College, where the students expressed their appreciation for this League service. We plan to table on the Commons September 24th for National Voter Registration Day, and then at the Apple Harvest Festival, Saturday October 5 and Sunday October 6. We will need volunteers to work at the table between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. so I will be calling League members to help. Please volunteer when you are called or receive our email request.

The forum for candidates for County Court Judge will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Library, which is co-sponsoring the event. There are four Democratic candidates running for the primary: Pam Bleiwas, Joe Cassidy, Kelly Damm, and Seth Peacock. Each will have the opportunity to tell the public about their credentials and answer audience questions.

Celebrate our presence on Facebook by looking for and “liking” us at “League of Women Voters of Tompkins County.”

Lucia Sciore, Director of Voter Service

MEMBERSHIP
Membership renewal letters went out in late June. Perhaps June is not the best time to contact people because many are away during the summer, or busy with guests and other vacation activities. I urge all of you who have not so far responded, to do so ASAP. I will be sending reminder letters very soon. To save paper and postage, please send in your renewals soon.

Thank you to all who have renewed for the year and a special thanks to those who made additional donations.

Deborah Levin, Membership Chair

CALL FOR POLL INSPECTORS
The Board of Elections is currently looking for Poll Site Inspectors and Managers. This is a great opportunity for folks interested in participating in the political process. Inspectors sign in voters and distribute ballots. Poll Site Managers open and close the voting machines and assist voters as needed.

New workers attend a paid training session and then are teamed up with experienced workers for the election.

For Primary Elections, Inspectors are paid $100 for working 11:30 AM to approximately 9:30 PM, and Poll Site Managers are paid $130 for working 11:00 AM to approximately 9:30 PM.

For the General Election, Inspectors are paid $160 (5:30 AM to approximately 9:30 PM) and the Poll Site Managers are paid $190 (5:00 AM to approximately 9:30 PM).

The trainings are held throughout the summer and fall. You may sign up by calling the Board of Elections at 607-274-5521.

LWV-TC CALENDAR—2013-2014

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GENERAL ELECTION PREVIEW

There are 6 ballot proposals that will be on the November 2013 ballot across the entire state. The proposals are amendments to the New York State Constitution. Read about the amendments and decide whether you wish to vote for or against each one. Look carefully for them on the ballot; sometimes they are easy to miss. The League of Women Voters of New York State does not have positions for or against any of the proposed amendments on the ballot this year.

Below is the language that will appear on the ballot for each of the 6 proposals; for background information, general description and pros and cons of each proposal, click here.

PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE: Authorizing Casino Gaming

The proposed amendment to section 9 of article 1 of the Constitution would allow the Legislature to authorize up to seven casinos in New York State for the legislated purposes of promoting job growth, increasing aid to schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated.

PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO: Additional Civil Service Credit for Veterans with Disabilities Certified Post-Appointment

The proposed amendment to section 6 of article 5 of the Constitution would entitle a veteran who has received civil service credit for a civil service appointment or promotion and subsequently is certified as disabled to additional civil service credit at subsequent appointment or promotion.

PROPOSAL NUMBER THREE: Exclusion of Indebtedness Contracted for Sewage Facilities

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution would extend for ten years, until January 1, 2024, the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to exclude from their constitutional debt limits indebtedness contracted for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities.

PROPOSAL NUMBER FOUR: Settling Disputed Title in the Forest Preserve

The proposed amendment to section 1 of article 14 of the Constitution would authorize the Legislature to settle longstanding disputes between the State and private entities over certain parcels of land within the forest preserve in the town of Long Lake, Hamilton County. In exchange for giving up its claim to disputed parcels, the State would get land to be incorporated into the forest preserves that would benefit the forest preserve more than the disputed parcels currently do.

PROPOSAL NUMBER FIVE: In Relation to a Land Exchange in the State Forest Preserve with NYCO Minerals, Inc.

The proposed amendment to section 1 of article 14 of the Constitution would authorize the Legislature to convey forest preserve land located in the town of Lewis, Essex County, to NYCO Minerals, a private company that plans on mining the land. In exchange, the NYCO Minerals would give the State at least the same amount of land of at least the same value, with a minimum assessed value of $1 million, to be added to the forest preserve. When NYCO Minerals finishes mining, it would restore the condition of the land and return it to the forest preserve.

PROPOSAL NUMBER SIX: Increasing Age until which Certain State Judges Can Serve

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, amending sections 2 and 25 of article 6, would increase the maximum age until which certain state judges may serve as follows: (a) a Justice of the Supreme Court would be eligible for five additional two-year terms after the present retirement age of 70, instead of the three such terms currently authorized; and (b) a Judge of the Court of Appeals who reaches the age of 70, while in office, to remain in service on the Court for up to 10 additional years in order to complete the term to which that Judge was appointed.
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Now is a good time for local Leagues with their new boards to begin planning their youth programs for the upcoming fall season. Those of you who attended the youth workshop at this year's annual convention heard from the LWV of Chautauqua, LWV of Huntington, LWV of Scarsdale, and LWV of Smithtown about their four very different and interesting programs and ways they can be adapted. These, as well as other programs, are described on the state website. All of the programs have been successful so you do not have to start from scratch and reinvent the wheel. Of course, if your League has developed a new program, please let us know so we can also highlight it. We are always looking for new ways to engage our youth.

Remember, it is not too early to think about Students Inside Albany and ways you will recruit students. If your League has not yet had a student go to Students Inside Albany, don't miss this opportunity again. Now is the time to begin planning how to recruit your students and we will be happy to help. The state League will be distributing sample flyers, brochures and tips for recruitment in September. The date for the 2014 Students Inside Albany Conference is later this year because of the religious holidays, school vacations and legislative recess - it will be held May 18-21, 2014.

LWV-NYS State Voter

The Tompkins County League has pursued a vigorous youth program for a number of years including continuing participation in the Students in Albany program. We are looking this year for someone to assist with our program. Here is an opportunity to participate in active but limited role in the LWV. If you would like to learn more, please contact Kay Sharp at 272-4748 or phylliskaysharp@gmail.com.

Bob Silsbee, Editor
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