



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TOMPKINS COUNTY

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## League of Women Voters of Tompkins County ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

**Monday, May 9**  
**Dinner at 6:00, Business Meeting at 7:00**

**Salvation Army**  
**150 North Albany Street**

### Menu (\$15)

Veggie Lasagna or  
Chicken Marguerite  
Garden Salad, Rolls  
Cake, Coffee and Tea

### Agenda

Board Election  
2016-17 Budget Approval  
2016-17 Program Approval

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello every one. I'm looking out my window and saying "what happened to the warmth we had last week." Oh well, it's Spring in Ithaca.

I attended a series of workshops last week and they were very helpful. One issue that I was happy to hear about was candidate forums. I know most of you are no longer moderators, but the Voter Services team members are. I've moderated a few forums and now know we as a League need to develop some criteria to share with the candidates especially about taping the forum. Many local Leagues have already developed their guidelines so we can use them as a resource. That will make the task easier.

2016 is a busy year for state and local candidates. And we have to vote on which presidential candidate we want in the White House. Our two co-vice-presidents for Voter Services have scheduled a meeting for anyone to attend and to join the Voter Service team.

See page 2 of the March bulletin for more information about the April 20 meeting, which will be at Sarah's Patisserie, 130 E. Seneca, between the Hilton Garden Hotel and Starbucks. Come and find out what one of our most important activities entails.

Given all the races, I want to remind you that we are a nonpartisan political organization. We do not endorse or oppose any candidates or party. If you get involved in some candidate's

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campaign, remember that you can't speak on behalf of the League. The Board is required to follow more stringent policies. Board members have reviewed these policies.

2016 is the year that National League is having their convention, on June 16, 17 and 18 in Washington, DC. It is quite an experience if you have not attended in the past. If you are interested, the Board has allotted some money to pay for the Convention registration fees. Go to the US League's website to register [https://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/5950/c/10065/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=425141](https://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/5950/c/10065/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=425141) You should register very soon. To receive the convention registration fee, please contact our Treasurer, Diane Kelleher.

Our League is co-sponsoring a program on single payer health insurance; see box below for details. I hope you can come.

Until next month stay healthy and happy,

Kay Sharp

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of candidates for your consideration at the Annual Meeting on Monday, May 9. Additional candidates may be placed into consideration by nomination from the floor at that meeting.

Charlotte Coffman: First Vice-President and Program Chair

Lory Saltzman: Third Vice-President and Membership Co-chair

Amy Panek: Co-Second Vice President and Voter Services Co-chair

Mandy Qualls: Co-Second Vice President and Voter Services Co-chair

Diane Kelleher: Treasurer

Nominating Committee:

Lory Saltzman

Diane Kelleher,

Mary Berkelman, Chair

## Film Screening & Panel Discussion

### Fix It:

## Health Care at the Tipping Point

Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by:

### Cinemapolis

120 East Green Street, Ithaca, New York

**FREE and Open to the Public**

This new film looks at health care from a businessman's perspective, delves deeply into the current health care crisis, runaway healthcare costs, and economic impact, and discusses an alternative method of healthcare financing.

### Panel Discussion

Healthcare Access and Financing

Challenges: Medical, Business, and Local Government Perspectives

The New York Health Act: What Is It and How Would It Be Financed?

### Panelists

Cassandra Aikman, Don Barber, Annette Gaudino,  
William Klepack, MD, Stewart Auyash MPH, PhD

**NATURAL RESOURCES: 2015-16**

The Natural Resources Committee spent time early this fall planning our October program. The program title was “ Our Electric Grid – Our Energy Future is Now: What will a Modern Electric Grid Mean for All of Us in New York State?” We were fortunate to have two excellent speakers, Prof. Brice Smith from the Physics Department at SUNY Cortland and Ed Marx from the Tompkins County Planning Department. Brice explained the features that a new grid needs as we move into a renewable energy future and did an excellent job of making this accessible to a general audience. Ed described the proposed micro-grid for an area near the airport and explained why it is needed. We had several co-sponsors for the program: The Campaign for Renewable Energy; The Ithaca Journal; Sustainable Tompkins; and The Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.

Our plan for the rest of the year has been to learn more about issues concerning local development and how it impacts our environment. With that in mind, we are reading the Tompkins County Energy Road Map as well as the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan. We are continuing to discuss the ideas in these documents and are beginning to plan a program on this topic for next year. Kay Wagner has also been acting as an “Observer” at the meetings of the Coalition for Sustainable Economic Development and has been learning a lot about this complex issue.

Our committee would like to expand our membership and hope that some of you would like to join us. To learn more about what we are doing contact Kay Wagner ([cmw18@cornell.edu](mailto:cmw18@cornell.edu) 607-539-3322).

Kay Wagner, Chair

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TOMPKINS COUNTY: BOARD 2015-16**

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Youth Services	vacant		

**CITY FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S ORGANIZATIONS**

“Women Building Community” 2015-2016 Grant Awards

*The mission of the City Federation of Women’s Organizations is to support women and girls and to act as a catalyst for the improvement of the lives of women and girls in Tompkins County, thus making a contribution to the community.* The City Federation of Women’s Organizations (CFWO) was founded in 1910 by a group of women “concerned with education, recreation, philanthropy, health, safety and civic betterment.” The League of Women Voters of Tompkins County, known then as the Women’s Political Study Group, was one of the founding members and continues as a legacy member of the governing board. LWV-TC members, Rebecca Elgie and Kaathleen Yen are members of the board, Rebecca representing our League.

Some accomplishments of the CFWO since its formation include: the formation of a Mother and Teacher’s Club (later the PTO), substitution of drinking fountains for cups in schools, establishment of two public restrooms, the purchase of a building to house a community center, public rest rooms, living quarters for working women and a short-term “transient room”, the establishment of a camp for girl scouts and camp fire girls, the purchase of a house for elderly women, the formation of a library, community nursery school and afterschool program, etc. As times changed, the Women’s Community Building provided office

space for non-profit organizations and served as a community center for programs, events, and meetings. In 2012, the building was sold to make way for much needed affordable housing, and the profits from the sale were used to establish an endowment to continue the legacy of the many organizations of the CFWO and community members who supported the changing needs of women over the years.

“Women Building Community” grants were awarded, by the City Federation of Women’s Organizations (CFWO) Board of Directors, on December 8, 2015, to ten organizations for the following projects:

- A Place to Stay (Catholic Charities):
- GIAC Jumpers (Greater Ithaca Activities Center)
- Dryden Girls Brigade (Cornell OURS)
- MBCI Wise Women (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources)
- Connie Cook Wants You (Close to Home Productions)
- Removing Road Blocks (Child Development Council)
- Girls Ventures (Cornell Cooperative Extension)
- Overcoming Obstacles (Tompkins Learning Partners)
- Work Preserve Apprentice (Historic Ithaca)
- Grassroots Women’s Leadership (Natural Leaders Initiative)

Additional information can be found on the website, [womenbuldingcommunity.org](http://womenbuldingcommunity.org).

**LWV-TC CALENDAR—2015-2016**

<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>VOTER SERVICES: CHECK IT OUT</b>	<b>Sarah’s Patisserie</b>
<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>HEALTH CARE AT THE TIPPING POINT</b>	<b>Cinemapolis</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>ANNUAL DINNER/BUSINESS MEETING</b>	<b>Salvation Army</b>
<b>Jun 7</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Kendal, Room C</b>

League of Women Voters of Tompkins County  
Proposed Budget for 2016-2017

	Adopted Budget 2015-16	Actual through January 2016	Proposed til June 2016	Proposed Budget 2016-17
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Income

Membership dues	\$3,600.00	\$3,868.49		\$3,500.00
Income from donations	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$80.00	\$500.00
Internet donations			\$375.00	\$375.00
Payment for mailed newsletter	\$200.00	\$150.00		\$150.00
Income from annual meeting	\$400.00		\$400.00	\$400.00
Transfer from reserve (Checking Acct.)	\$1,850.00			\$2,250.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,550.00</b>	<b>\$4,438.49</b>	<b>\$855.00</b>	<b>\$7,175.00</b>

Expenses

Bulletin	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Convention (State 2015, National 2016)	\$3,000.00	\$1,357.00		\$3,000.00
Voter Services	\$200.00	\$151.00	\$49.00	\$300.00
Administration (including treasurer)	\$50.00	\$167.00	\$19.60	\$100.00
Membership	\$50.00	\$73.00		\$100.00
Meetings/Programs	\$900.00	\$352.00	\$200.00	\$800.00
Annual Meeting	\$400.00		\$400.00	\$400.00
Committees	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
PMP State	\$600.00	\$640.00		\$700.00
PMP National	\$1,000.00	\$1,024.00		\$1,200.00
Internet	\$100.00		\$375.00	\$375.00
Youth Programs	\$0.00			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,550.00</b>	<b>\$3,864.00</b>	<b>\$1,143.60</b>	<b>\$7,175.00</b>

Community Foundation of Tompkins County

Contributions to Community Foundation	\$800.00	\$895.00		\$900.00
Payments made out of CF:				
National PMP	\$1,000.00		\$1,024.00	\$1,200.00
State PMP	\$600.00		\$640.00	\$700.00
Committees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Students in Albany	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL FROM CF</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>		<b>\$1,664.00</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>

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