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*"The Heat is On - -  
Climate Change and Emerging Policies"*

**SPEAKER: MARY G. WILSON  
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**THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009**

**RECEPTION: 5:00-6:30 PM**  
**SPEAKER & PANEL: 6:30-7:45 PM**

**BURCHFIELD PENNEY ART CENTER**  
1300 ELMWOOD AVENUE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK

THIS SPECIAL EVENT HONORS



**TAFFY TARBELL (1921-2007)**

AN OUTSTANDING LEAGUE LEADER WHO  
SPEARHEADED THE SPRAWL CAMPAIGN

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**DEADLINE APRIL 15**

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## President's Message

The month of March has been a very eventful month for LWVBN. We started the month by submitting our nominations for achievement awards to be presented at the LWVNY Convention in May. After careful consideration we sent nominations in two categories this year, Youth Services and "Thinking Out of the Box." We are also automatically entered in the Bulletin Award contest. I'm sure we could have made other nominations but many of our projects are still in the planning stages and we won't know how they turn out until the end of this League year.

Our League members, the issues committee and the board of directors recommended to the LWVNY that the current League program items be retained for 2009-2011, with the possible editorial update of the *Positions in Brief* to more accurately reflect current League activities.

The budget, bylaws review and the nominating committees have all been meeting and will report to the LWVBN board at the April board meeting. Their work is in preparation for the Annual Meeting that marks the end of the current League year. Mary (Mike) Egan, Annual Meeting chair, is making the arrangements for the event. The Annual Meeting will be June 6, 2009, at Le Metro Restaurant in Williamsville. Details will be printed in the May VOTER.

The board accepted with regrets the resignation of treasurer, Robert (Bob) Williams, who has a new job in Minnesota and has already left the area. Susan Davis has graciously agreed to take on the duties of treasurer until the end of this fiscal year.

Thank you to **Janet Goodsell** for her efforts in organizing a very successful Legislative Breakfast in the boardroom of WNED-TV. **Ellen Neumaier** (Environment), **Gladys Gifford** (Transportation), **Joann Ross** (Health Care) and **Joan Photiadis** (Reforming State Government) ably presented the League's positions to the legislators and their representatives. The legislators in attendance responded with their views on these issues. This was a great meeting and we had a full house!

I was very happy to see so many familiar faces at these meetings. I encourage all of you to come out and get involved in our meetings and activities this spring.

*Margaret Brunson*, Co-president, Administration

### BEST WISHES TO ROBERT WILLIAMS

We wish you great success and happiness in your new job and home in Minnesota!

### Great Decisions

Energy and the Global Economy is our topic for Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 1272 Delaware, from 10 AM – noon, to be facilitated by Bernice Baeumler. "Rising energy prices, driven by instability in key producing regions such as the Middle East, and increasing demand from developing countries are affecting the global economy. What are the potential consequences of huge wealth transfers to oil-exporting states? Are there any realistic alternative energy scenarios on the horizon?" I hope everyone can be on hand to tackle another formidable challenge we all face.

*Bernice Baeumler*