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and national levels.
Join the men and women of today's League
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Reception to Introduce Current Elected Officials
February 24, 2011
At the Burchfield Penney Art Center
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League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages
informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of
major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and
advocacy.

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President's Message

The LWVB/N Board started 2011 with a very productive board meeting. We accomplished much. We accepted the resignation of recording secretary, Judy Clarke, with regrets. Fortunately, our corresponding secretary, Ramona Gallagher, volunteered to step in and finish the last few months of the year. The board approved her appointment as recording secretary.

The budget committee is preparing the League budget for the 2011-2012 year. Nuala Drescher is the committee chair. Committee members are Treasurer, Deborah Billoni; Membership Director, Judy Huber; Voters Service Director, Joyce Bol; and 2010 Budget Chair, Lyle Toohey. Co-presidents, Loretta Peszynski and Margaret Brunson, and Office Manager, Eugene Abrahamson, are ex-officio members of the committee.

Theresa Pope has agreed to chair the Students Inside Albany project. The search is on to select a student to represent our League in Albany this April.

Judy Metzger and a committee are making plans for the LWVBN Annual Meeting at Harry's Harbour Place on June 11, 2011.

The League of Women Voters of New York State Convention will be May 20-22 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. If you would like to attend please call the League office at 884-3550 to express your interest. We have been asked to donate something to the LWVNY Silent Auction. Terri Parks will assemble a collection of Western New York Products.

We send a big thank you to Eugene Abrahamson for organizing the gift-wrapping project at the Eastern Hills Mall. We raised a substantial amount of money to support our local League activities. We may do this again for Mothers' Day and/or Fathers' Day.

Margaret Brunson, Co-president LWVB/N

Great Decisions

I am happy to report that the 2011 Great Decision Briefing Books arrived on January third and are ready for distribution. Unless you would like yours earlier, they will be given out at our first meeting for 2011 scheduled for March 3 from 10 AM-noon at 1272 Delaware Avenue. Once again, the price is \$17.38. That same day we will try to get leaders for all eight topics. Please note: Bring in your 2010 book with your opinion ballots. Our new books contain the results of the 2010 poll and time permitting we can compare our opinions with the others.

I appreciated the recognition Great Decisions received in Historian Marie Hanrahan's January column that the League's long time "interest in world affairs is carried on today by the Great Decisions discussion group." I hope our new ten consecutive monthly meeting experiment, March-November, is successful. Call me if you'd like the 2011 book prior to our March meeting.

Bernice Baeumler, events@lwvbn.org

WANTED: Potential Leaders

You can strengthen your leadership skills or begin to discover them, or share your observance of possible leaders in our midst! You can contribute suggestions to our Nominating Committee as it works to consider candidates for next year's Officers and Board members. We will elect a President, First Vice-President, Secretary, four Directors, the 2012 Nominating Committee Chair and three Nominating Committee Members at our Annual Meeting.

Contact 2011 Nominating Committee Chair, *Lee Tetkowskí*, at events@lwvbn.org with your suggestions.

The excellent Community Forum addressing the role of the federal government in public education, "Race to the Top: Hope or Flop?" that LWVBN presented at the WNED studio on January 20th will be broadcast on WNED-AM 970 in the near future. You may learn when the program will air by phoning the League office.

Membership dues and contributions to the LWV are not deductible as a personal or business expense for tax purposes.

JOIN

Make check payable to **LWVB/N** and send to **LWVB/N**, 1272 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209-2401 (Attn: Membership Chair)

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Amherst Unit News

Lunch & Issues

Friday, February 18, 2011 at noon
 Scotch and Sirloin Restaurant, 6999 Maple Road, Amherst, NY

Dr. Laura Chabe, Superintendent of the Amherst Schools, will be the guest speaker.

Our local League is currently participating in the League of Women Voters of the United States two-year study: The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education. Dr. Chabe's talk will provide material to help our efforts.

Please attend and bring your friends at noon for lunch (\$15.00).
 For reservations contact Sally Metzger or Judy Metzger at events@lwvbn.org

Amherst League members attend Town Board meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month. To volunteer for the observer corps, contact Joyce Zobel at tiff55@verizon.net

Judy Metzger

The AAUW Buffalo Branch will mark the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day on March 8, 2011 with a dinner at Samuel's Grand Manor beginning at 5:30 p.m. (\$30.00). The featured speakers from Haiti will address its Past, Present and Future.

To make reservations, call *Lillis McLean* at events@lwvbn.org

Membership News

We congratulate League member, Marian Bass, for being honored by the Eighth Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Committee in October 2010 when they unveiled a plaque that includes her name as the 2007 Awardee for Extraordinary Achievement in Law Enforcement.

We're saddened to report the recent passing of these long time League members:

- Eleanor (Ellie) Becher,
- Horace Mann, Ph.D.
- Irene Goldberg
- Susan Dayton



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1/30	1/31	1 ISSUES COMMITTEE 4:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5
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