

# THE CAZENOVIA VOTER



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CAZENOVIA, P.O. BOX 219, CAZENOVIA, NEW YORK 13035

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**Please join us for a presentation sponsored by the  
League of Women Voters of Cazenovia**

**Dr. Timothy Byrnes**

**7:00 PM on Thursday March 19, 2009 in the  
Community Room of the Cazenovia Public Library**

Professor Tim Byrnes will speak about the history and politics of the United States presidential election process. Professor Byrnes, who teaches Political Science at Colgate University, is a regular panelist on WCNY's popular Ivory Tower Half-Hour.

The presentation is open to the public free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

## ***President's Message***

What a snowy, white winter we are having here in Cazenovia! Our LWV Holiday Party at Helen Beale's festive home was well attended with delectable hearty fare and a variety of tasty wines. Heartfelt thanks to Helen for her welcoming hospitality and to all of the League members who brought such yummy food.

"Great Decisions" is well under way. The group meets at 1:00 on Thursdays during the months of February and March at the Cazenovia Library for spirited discussions on foreign policy. The topics this year include Afghanistan and Pakistan; Energy; Arctic; Egypt; Global Food Crisis; Cuba; and Human Rights. Guests are welcome at any of the meetings.

The LWVNYS State Convention will be held in Syracuse on May 15-17. Members are encouraged to attend and to volunteer to assist the Syracuse Metro LWV. All New York State Leagues have been asked to donate a filled basket to be auctioned as a convention fundraiser and Anna Marie Neuland has put together a basket of local products from Nelson Farms on behalf of the Cazenovia League. Thank you Anna Marie!

At this time, it is important for all members to be aware of and to revisit our LWVNYS positions. Included in this mailing is a publication titled, "LWVNYS Positions In Brief". Please review these positions, and if you would like to comment on them, contact me at 655-8920 or [wentaylor1@aol.com](mailto:wentaylor1@aol.com).

Please welcome as new members Ann Altmeyer and Tosca Vijfeijken Bruno. We are delighted they have joined our Cazenovia League.

I am looking forward to our March 19<sup>th</sup> evening presentation at the Cazenovia Library to hear Colgate Professor Tim Byrnes speak on the presidential election process as part of our National Popular Vote Study. I hope to see many of you there!

~ Wendy Taylor

## The League of Women Voters of Cazenovia

The 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. The following is a list of our membership:

Ann Altmeyer	Elaine
Nancy Knoff	Rubenstein
Tosca Bruno	Laurie Feine-
James Ladd	Dudley
Kristi Andersen	Anne Saltman
Marilyn Lewis	Leigh Garber
Howland	Elizabeth
Auchincloss	Schaefer
Jana & Rod	Shelly Gilroy
McDonald	Carol Schoch
Marion Barbero	Donna Grunert
Elisabeth Morgan	Sharye Skinner
Helen Beale	Beverly Harlow
Anna Marie	Susan Smith
Neuland	Howard Hart
Kathy Bice	Pringle Symonds
Barbara Raiford	Barbara
Barbara Clarke	Johnsen
Heidi Ravven	Wendy Taylor
Anne Doherty	Ann Jones
Anne Redfern	Mary Jo Thomas
Graham Egerton	Sandra Kaplan
Dorothy Riestler	Doris Webster
Mary Selden	Al & Joan Keilen
Evans	Anne Ferguson

Thank you for your support!  
Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us.  
Contact Susan Smith,  
Membership Chair, 655-4167  
for membership information.

LWV membership fees (\$55 per person or \$82.50 for two family members) are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send your check to Anna Marie Neuland, 6 Lincklaen Terrace, Cazenovia NY 13035

## The Cazenovia League of Women Voters Considers Shared Municipal Services

At the annual meeting in June 2008, the League of Women Voters of Cazenovia voted to continue its study of sharing services between local governments. As part of this effort, Board member Helen Beale attended a joint meeting of Cazenovia town and village officials last fall. The meeting was called to discuss the feasibility of service cooperation between the two municipalities. Although many topics were reviewed, there was an expressed commitment to explore the sharing of water services and to study the extent of existing cooperation between the highway departments.

There have not been additional local governmental meetings regarding shared services; however, a community committee of league and non-league members has been formed to conduct our own examination of the potential for cooperative municipal efforts. The committee is in the process of gathering information on issues such as budgets and study tools.

Anyone interested in assisting with this local study is encouraged to contact Helen Beale at 655-9257 or by email at [hbeale@twcny.rr.com](mailto:hbeale@twcny.rr.com).

## Should the League of Women Voters Support the National Popular Vote Compact?

That is the question being studied by the League of Women Voters of Cazenovia this spring. The LWVUS has long had a position supporting the direct election of the president by popular vote and the abolition of the Electoral College. Is the National Popular Vote (NPV) Compact a viable way to achieve the first objective without the need to abolish the Electoral College? Details about the NPV Compact, which has so far been adopted by four states, can be found on the LWVUS website, [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org), as well as discussions of the pros and cons of the NPV proposal.

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The LWV of Cazenovia has a copy of a DVD recorded in Saratoga in November 2008 in which Vermont Representative Christopher Pearson addressed a meeting of the Saratoga County LWV to explain the concept of the NPV Compact. If you would like to borrow the DVD, please contact Wendy Taylor at 655-8920.

**A consensus meeting on the NPV Compact study will be held at the home of Anne Redfern on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 PM. All members are invited to participate.**