Call to Annual Meeting and Dinner!

Join Us!

Date: Thursday, May 10
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Unitarian Universalist Church
183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY

Guest Speaker: Dr. Gay E. Canough

Grassroots Rising: Participation in Your Government

"Most Americans do not talk to their representatives. Our whole system of government was put in place with the idea that people will speak up for what we want. Yet, most of us do not write or call our representatives and barely half of us even vote. Many of us will haughtily state that "I'm not political," as if non-participation is a good thing. Then we wonder why things are not to our liking. Come to the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Broome and Tioga Counties and let's reboot our participation in OUR government. We the People is all about us." - Dr. Gay E. Canough.

Buffet Menu:

- Chicken Piccata
- Pulled Pork B-B-Q
- Rosemary Roasted Potatoes
- Green Beans with Almonds
- Tossed Salad
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Berry Shortcake with Real Whipped Cream for Dessert

Please feel free to bring a bottle of wine if you'd like.

Dinner price per person: $30

Dinner reservations must be received by May 1st. Make check payable to League of Women Voters of Broome & Tioga Counties or “LWVBTC”
Mail to: Janet Gill 23 Orchard Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13904
Questions on reservations? Call Janet at 724-7106
All others: Sara Wokan at sara.wokan@gmail.com

Welcome to new league members! Hope to see you at the dinner!
Happy Spring! This issue of the Voter announces our League’s Annual Meeting (see details on the front page, please). It is the time we pause to look backward at the past year’s work and then, forward to our members’ goals for the coming year.

Last year at the Annual Meeting, we distributed and collected a member survey. Priority topics were single payer universal health care; clean water, clean air, healthy soil; public financing of political campaigns; meeting basic human needs; and political ethics reform. That survey has been reflected in programs we have held this past year:

- “Climate Change Hits Close to Home” (September), done in conjunction with the Sierra Club and Citizen Action.
- Honoring the Suffrage Centennial with 1913 parade re-enactment and program at the Landmark Church (October).
- Binghamton Mayoral Debate (October).
- Panel discussion on the Constitutional Convention ballot proposal (October).
- Fund-raising trip to the NYS Museum (Albany) for opening of “Votes for Women – Celebrating NY’s Suffrage Centennial” (November).
- December Brunch with Guest Speaker, Blair Horner, NY Public Interest Research Group, on Albany Status and Updates.
- Single-Payer Healthcare presented by Assembly Member Richard Gottfried (December); co-sponsored with the Broome County Council of Churches, the Binghamton University Center for Civic Engagement, Citizen Action, the Institute for Justice and Well-Being (BU), the Poverty and Inequality Trans-disciplinary Working Group (BU), the Rural Health Network of South Central NY, Inc., and Southern Tier Independence Center. Assistance from Assembly Member Donna Lupardo and Dean Laura Bronstein and staff from the BU Downtown Center made the remote presentation from NYC possible. The room was packed.
- Panel discussion on the state League’s Death with Dignity Concurrence request (January).

Our League was honored at the League of Women Voters of NYS Convention last June. We were given the “Harriet Tubman Off the Beaten Path” Award for last year’s Civic Action Boot Camp (which drew about one hundred fifty participants).

League members assisted at several voter registration events and naturalization ceremonies. League Board members (Jane Park, Sara Wokan, and Margaret Goodfellow) handled speaking duties at numerous events including a SUNY-Broome class on Women and Politics; a meeting of the Help Getting Healthy Women’s Group; a Constitutional Convention presentation at a First Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting; and monthly programs for the Business Women’s Group and a County and Town Clerks Meeting.

Joanne Gee, Member of the Board and the Membership Chair, was honored as the League’s Woman of Achievement for the 2018 Status of Women Council (March). Joanne joined the League of Women Voters of Broome and Tioga counties in 2002, and we appreciate all she has done since that time.

Building on the generous donation of two paintings from long-time member, Barbara Shope, we will collect items this fall for an auction fund-raiser for late November or early December. Would you like to assist in this project?

We are very thankful to all our members for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the mission and activities of the League. As we approach a very busy 2018 election season, we encourage you to join in the efforts. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting with ideas for next year’s programs. The 2018 Program Priority Survey will be distributed for your completion at the meeting.

Susan Ruff
President
STATUS OF WOMEN COUNCIL REPORT
2017-2018

The LWVBTC is a member of the Status of Women Council in which we cooperate with delegates from eleven other organizations to highlight the importance of women’s contributions in our community. In September the Council held its annual tea to honor presidents of member organizations. Guests were given an opportunity to speak about their organizations and to describe their plans for the coming year.

At the October meeting Council president Carol Grippen presented a program on Showers of Hope, a mobile showering facility for homeless persons scheduled at several local churches. Also in October several Council members, including our delegate Eva Anderson, marched in the Suffrage Parade to commemorate a suffragists’ convention held in Binghamton in 1913.

To honor Women’s History Month, for the second year the Status of Women Council provided a flag, which was flown in the City of Binghamton during the first week of March. We expect this to continue as an annual observance.

For many years the Council’s annual Women of Achievement dinner has been one of the largest affairs honoring women in this area. Instead of a dinner, this year a luncheon was held on March 24th at the new Riverdale Banquet Hall in Endwell. Our League was pleased to honor Joanne Gee, who joined the League sixteen years ago. Joanne has been on our board as secretary, co-chair of election night reporting, and membership chair, as well as serving on the budget committee and as a delegate to several conventions.

Each year the Council gives a cash award to a high school senior who is planning to attend college in the fall. This year’s Young Woman of Achievement is Skylar Pierce, a student at Owego Free Academy. Skylar has been active in sports and music, while maintaining a high academic average in the New Visions engineering program. She will attend Virginia Military Institute in the fall, where she expects to participate in cross country, track, and the regimental band. Skylar plans a career in structural engineering or waste water treatment.

An Adult Education Achievement Award is given each June to a woman who has overcome significant obstacles to earn a high school equivalency diploma. Last year’s honoree was April Fitch, who earned her diploma in November 2016 and then was employed by CHOW as a coordinator of local food pantries. The next award will be announced and presented this June.

Eva Anderson, Delegate
Alice Brooks, Alternate

Suffrage Centennial Committee Report

We have been privileged to serve on our Broome-Tioga Committee to mark the Votes for Women Convention held at the Landmark Church in Binghamton on October 11, 1913. Donna Lupardo and Martha Sauerbrey co-chaired. Events were planned and coordinated by various committee members including Broome and Tioga County Historians, BU, SUNY-Broome, Chambers of Commerce, Girl Scouts, AAUW, PAST, Roberson Museum, and others. The major event was a parade commemorating the 1913 convention, but other delightful events included dedications of historic markers in Owego and Lisle, and an essay contest.

This was an enlightening post and we enjoyed it!

Sara Wokan, Co-Delegate
Sue Ruff, Co-Delegate

Naturalization Ceremonies
Remainder of 2018

April 20, July 13, September 7, November 16
Broome County Courthouse, 11 a.m.

Voter Registration after ceremony.
Contact Us-Join Us!
Margaret Goodfellow - 655-1929
Susan Ruff-761-7557
Sara Wokan 785-6703
2018 Voter Service Report

Debate

We sponsored a debate for City of Binghamton Mayor at the Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC). Attendance of around 100 persons matched those at the Broome Chamber and Binghamton University Downtown Center debates.

Voter Guide Part I

Electronic/print copies were distributed to Board of Elections, public libraries, colleges, universities, municipalities, Federal and State officials, local organizations, public schools, teachers and students and through the Broome-Tioga “Voter”. A limited number of guides are available to us at no cost under the Organ Donation Grant. 2018 will be the final year of funding. Expect Part I and II in 2018.

Vote 411 leaves the stage in NYS and... wait for it...here comes Ballot Ready

The State League has decided to exit the LWVUS Vote 411 platform and contract with a company called Ballot Ready. In 2018 it will be available at no cost and may result in less work. Those participating local Leagues will provide question sets for candidates. We’ve been informed that Ballot Ready will do all the rest. It is quite different from 411 and has positive and negative components. Website: http://www.ballotready.org

Website/Facebook/Social Media/Print Media

There were 23,567 requests for LWVBTC website pages in Oct/Nov. 2017. Facebook activity included postings and events being shared from time to time, particularly when partnering with other groups. Social media platforms are changing rapidly and getting noticed is more difficult. Digital advertising via websites is cost prohibitive. We rely on Facebook, member e-mails and press releases to media. Print ads are getting smaller and costing more. The Mayoral Debate was $115 for a 1/24 page.

Voter Registration Events

Ten were held in 2017. Our best registration numbers were at naturalization ceremonies and SUNY-Broome, with very low numbers elsewhere. To best utilize the limited resources of money, time and volunteers, a continued focus will be on venues that have demonstrated voter registration numbers are more likely to occur. The Organ Donation Grant allows reimbursement for table fees at new venues up to $250.

As stated under Voter Guide Part I, 2018 will be the final year of funding. The LWVUS Naturalization Grant has ended. There remains a small amount of money to purchase First Vote for 2018-19.

Thank You’s!

Local League Members: Diane Albrecht, Jerry Albrecht, Nancy Boyd-Goff, Madeleine Cotts, Janet Denman, Patricia Giglio, Katharine Krebs, Doris Lawton, Marilynn Myers, Sue Ruff, Carol Sherwood, Alison Handy Twang, Karl Wokan and Sara Wokan.

Binghamton University-Center for Civic Engagement: Ben DeAngelis, Ferdous Dehgan, Samantha Eng, Alison Handy Twang. Statewide: Laura Ladd Bierman, Judie Gorenstein, Katrina McEwen, Jennifer Wilson


STIC: Executive Director Maria Dibble, Chad Eldred, Sue Link, Kris Rathbone. SUNY-Broome: Giovanni Scaringi.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Goodfellow, 1st Vice President and Voter Service Chair

Membership Report

The League of Women Voters of Broome and Tioga Counties has seven new members this year as of the required Feb. 1st cutoff date:

PHYLLIS BARTLETT BOBBI DEAN LINDA SEEGER ALISON HANDY TWANG JANET BEAL MARY ANN MARTIN HILDE TINGEY

And an additional five since the cutoff date:

KRISTEN ALLEN LOGAN BLAKESLEE JILL HENEGHAN LINDA KOZUBOSKI SHIRLEY LUCAS

Please join the Board in welcoming our new members at the annual dinner and when you see them at our program meetings.

Our current membership total as of Feb. 1st is 97. The breakdown of membership is:

85 primary - 8 additional - 2 honorary - 2 student

Joanne Gee

Membership Database
Proposed Local Program for 2018-2019

The Board of Directors recommends re-affirmation of the following program items:

1. Support of a consolidated approach to water and waste planning in Broome & Tioga Counties.

2. Support improved public transport in Broome & Tioga Counties.

3. Support consolidation of local government services and local governments in Broome & Tioga Counties, provided that a valid feasibility study determines the level of services will remain the same or be improved and be cost effective. It is essential that all aspects of the process are well publicized and that citizen participation is encouraged.

4. Support of reassessment at full value of all properties in Broome & Tioga Counties in order to achieve more equitable distribution of taxes.

5. Support full-scale separation and recycling in Broome & Tioga Counties.


7. Support of an elected executive for Broome County.

8. Support for adequate operating expenses and facilities by Broome & Tioga County governments to assure effective operations of the Broome & Tioga County Boards of Elections.

9. Support the Council of Governments as forums for communication and cooperation in Broome & Tioga Counties.

10. Support for a countywide centralized dispatch system in Broome & Tioga Counties, with the cost to be assumed by each county.

Nominating Committee Report

The Committee nominates the following slate of officers and directors with thanks to those who have agreed to serve.

1st Vice President (2 year term):
Margaret Goodfellow

Treasurer (2 year term):
Patricia Giglio

Directors-At-Large (2 year-term):
Diane Albrecht
Kris Gilbert

Board members continuing their terms are as follows:

President          Susan Ruff
2nd Vice President  Sara Wokan
Secretary           Jane Park
Directors-at-Large  Joanne Gee
                      (Membership)
                      Gay Canough

Nominating Committee for 2018-2019:

Chair: Carol Oestrich

At-Large Members    Anne Kalayjian
                    Clare Simeone

Respectfully submitted,
2017-2018 Nominating Committee

Carol Oestrich, Chair
Linda Biemer
Alice Brooks
Anne Kalayjian
Sara Wokan

Call for Volunteers! - Annual Dinner

We are looking for 4-5 volunteers beginning at 4 pm to help with set up at our Annual Dinner. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Sara Wokan at sara.wokan@gmail.com. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Broome-Tioga Voter 5  Call to Annual Meeting 2018
# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOME & TIOGA COUNTIES
## PROPOSED BUDGET
### 2018 - 2019

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**TOTAL INCOME**

$11,113.00 $(1,307.00 $10,915.14

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**Total Board and Admin.**

$1,065.00 $(1,115.00 $383.78
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NOTES ON PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 BUDGET

INCOME:

B. Contributions – Members: We depend upon contributions from our members to help support our activities and pay for the expenses of the organization. These contributions have been lower than budgeted in the past fiscal years.

C. Grants: Grants are a relatively new source of income. We have utilized two grants during the past two years. The Organ Donor Grant continues to be accessible in this next year and the Board plans to apply for more grants.

E. Education Foundation: These are funds collected by the local League which can be used to pay for educational expenses as well as a portion of our dues to the National and New York State Leagues.

EXPENSES:

A.1 General Supplies: This line item covers a variety of expenses from bank service charges to general office supplies. This cost has risen over the past few years.

C. Delegate Conventions: Next year’s convention will be a New York State one which is less expensive than the National conventions.

D. National and State PMP: The League pays the New York State and National Leagues’ dues for all of its members. The proposed budgeted amounts are based on New York State’s current PMP of $20 and an estimated increase to the National PMP of $1, bringing those dues up to $33 a person.

E. “Member Communication” is a new category title, replacing the former category of “Broome-Tioga Voter” as the League utilizes more than one method to communicate with its members. “Voter” expenses have decreased dramatically since adopting an email method of distribution.

F.2.c Other Voter Service Expenses are projected to increase as we hope to sponsor one or two debates during this election year.

G.1 Brochure Printing and Distribution: The League is in need of printing new brochures next year.

Respectfully submitted by the Budget Committee:

Nancy Boyd-Goff
Alice Brooks
Joanne Gee
Margaret Goodfellow
Anne Taft
Karl Wokan
Pat Giglio, Chair
April Program
A Conversation with Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Portrayed by Dr. Melinda Grube

Saturday, April 28th, 2018
10:30 a.m. - Noon
Phelps Mansion
191 Court Street, Binghamton

Free and Open to the Public

Light Refreshments

Melinda Grube focuses on the life and work of suffragist and freethinker Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who helped to organize the first Woman’s Rights Convention in her hometown of Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848. Melinda Grube is an adjunct lecturer in history at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, New York, and a longtime interpreter of regional women’s-rights history.
Meet our 2018 Students Inside Albany Awardees

The Students Inside Albany Conference will be held May 20-23rd, 2018. The conference increases high school students’ awareness of their responsibility in representative government and provides tools needed to meet that responsibility.

Students will attend workshops and lectures of the budget process, lobbying on the legislative process, public policy, citizen’s rights to access government information, and the move to reform state government. The highlight of the conference is the opportunity to shadow their representative Senate and Assembly Member for an afternoon while in session on the Chamber floor. Upon their return, we look forward to learning of their impressions and analysis of their experience in Albany.

**Kristen Allen**

Kristen Allen is a junior at Susquehanna Valley High School. Kristen participates on the school’s Varsity Swimming team, Mock Trial team, the Yes! Leads program, and in National Honors Society. She also is an active community member, volunteering regularly at her church and at Binghamton General Hospital over the summer. She is excited to attend the Students Inside Albany Conference to learn more about state government before she begins voting. She hopes the conference will teach her to successfully lobby and vote for officials who will implement public policy based upon empathy.

**Logan Blakeslee**

Logan Blakeslee is a senior at Chenango Forks High School. He is President of the Chenango Forks Senior Class, Vice-President of Student Council, President of the Mock Trial Club and also in the Chess Club, a member of Game Club, and the National Honor Society as well. In addition, he is President of the BOCES-Oak Tree Student Leadership Club (which promotes inclusion of autistic students for community events) and has volunteered for the Salvation Army in the past. When he reaches college, he seeks to major in political science, and then attend law school afterwards. Within his College English courses, he has closely studied the rhetoric used by politicians and social activists. Doing so has helped him improve both his public speaking and ability to communicate policy ideas to a large group of people.

The Students Inside Albany Committee conducted personal interviews for two finalists. The State League announced an available space. Both candidates were so outstanding, we put a hold on the slot. A request was made to the Board at the March 2018 Board meeting to approve sending a second student to Albany. The Board agreed and approved using monies from our LWVNYS Education Foundation to cover the $650 cost. This is the first time our League has sent a second student to Albany. We are confident Kristen and Logan will be exemplary representatives of Broome-Tioga and contribute to the conference’s success. There is no expectation or guarantee that Broome-Tioga, in the future, will select multiple awardees or be able to support funding going forward.

Margaret Goodfellow, For the Students Inside Albany Committee
Margaret Goodfellow, Alice Brooks, Kathryn Griffith, Susan Ruff
WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, 2018

JOANNE GEE
The League of Women Voters
of Broome and Tioga Counties

Joanne Gee has been an active member of our League for sixteen years. Soon after joining, she accepted a position on our board of directors, where she served as secretary for six years. She also co-chaired, and later chaired, our election night reporting project, which once was a major fundraiser for the League and a service to our community. Since 2013 Joanne has been membership chair, keeping our data base in order and sending out dues renewal letters. She has served on our budget committee for many years and on other committees, as needed. She has been a delegate from our League to several state conventions and to the 2012 national convention in Washington, D.C. Joanne carries through responsibly with every task she assumes and is meticulous in her attention to details.

Joanne grew up in Johnson City and Chenango Forks but has lived for most of her married life in the Town of Windsor. For many years she was employed in accounting and office administration for several local businesses, retiring ten years ago.

Since her retirement Joanne has enjoyed traveling with her husband to scenic and historic parts of our country, including California, Hawaii, and Texas. However, her favorite trip takes her to the Albany area, where both her son and daughter reside, along with her three lovely granddaughters.

Joanne Gee has been, and continues to be, an asset to our League, and we are pleased to honor her as our Woman of Achievement in 2018.
The Broome-Tioga Voter

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CALENDAR

2nd Tuesday LWVBTC Board Meeting, open to the public, 6:30 pm
ETM Solar Works
300 North St., Endicott, NY 13760.
Phone: 785-6499
Note that summer meetings may not follow the usual schedule.

Visit lwv-broometioga.org for the latest events

April 28 A Conversation with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Phelps Mansion,
191 Court St., Binghamton, 10:30-a.m.-noon.

May 10 Annual Dinner, Unitarian Universalist Church, 183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton,
5:30 p.m.