

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Champlain Valley

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Calendar of Events

We sponsor meetings and events for the public and League members.

Debates sponsored by LWV-Vermont

Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 7pm

Candidates for Lt. Governor Debate

Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall
149 Church St., Burlington, VT

Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 7pm

Candidates for US House and US Senate

Paramount Theater
30 Center St., Rutland, VT

For information on transportation to the debate from surrounding towns, call Lois Brown at 802-228-3747.

Champlain Valley LWV Monthly Meetings

We are alternating between noon and evening meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 7pm

Unresolved issues in the Legislature: Health Care Costs, Education Financing and Energy Needs

Join us at our new venue for a discussion on statewide issues facing Vermont as we head into the November elections.

Speeder and Earl's
412 Pine Street, Burlington, VT

Friday, October 13, 2006 at 11 am

Champlain Valley LWV Board Meeting

If you have items for the agenda, please let Marge Gaskins know.

Kolvoord Room at Brownell Library
6 Lincoln St., Essex Jct., VT

Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at Noon

Panel on Campaign Finance

A recent Supreme Court decision threw out some, if not all of Vermont's restrictions on campaign donations and spending. Join us at the Fletcher Free Library to hear about the implications.

Pickering Room at Fletcher Free Library
235 College Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 7pm

Dinner and Legislative Preview

Please join us for dinner and our annual legislative preview.
Location TBD -- check next month's VOTER for details.

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at Noon

Tentative: Panel Discussion on Aging

As the population ages, how does that ripple through society and the economy? What changes can we expect in Vermont? Join us for a lunchtime presentation on the issues.

Fletcher Free Library
235 College Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401

CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE — Vee Gordon

Sign up now for 2nd annual Conference on Civic Education to be held November 15 at the Statehouse in Montpelier! Free admission. Please call Vee at 878-5650 if interested. She needs an estimate of attendees, in order to provide sufficient food. Below is the tentative schedule.

Registration: 8am - 8:45 am in the Statehouse Lobby

Session 1: 8:45 am - 9:45 am

Session 2: 10 am - 11 am

Keynote Speaker (Terry Pickerel - Dir of the Education Commission of the States): 11: 15 am

Lunch: Noon - 1:00

Session 3: 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

Session 4: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

18 breakout sessions will be offered. They range in scope from: Civic Rights Unit - River Project - Student Government - Mock Legislative Session - Measurable Outcomes of Civic Learning. And more! Many students will be participating along with their teachers.

5th Annual RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE: "Beyond Peak Oil"

Thursday, October 19, 2006 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at The Wyndham Burlington Hotel. Info at <http://www.REVermont.org>

FROM THE NEW EDITOR — Irene Wrenner

I took on the job of editor just before taking the reins of a local issue campaign in Essex. Hence the delay in your receiving this newsletter. I apologize for this late distribution. Please let me know what you'd like to see in future issues. And thank you for bearing with me as I learn these ropes.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Thank you to everyone conducting voter registration drives, large and small, in recent months, including Marge Gaskins, Jean Norton and Irene Wrenner who registered voters after Naturalization Ceremonies on September 11 and October 2. It's easy to become a Notary Public. If aren't already, please consider doing so, then you, too, can help register voters!

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOON on Monday, October 30

Application must be received by Town Clerk before NOON for the Vermont General Election - November 7, 2006

SAVE A TREE!

Due to the cost of postage and labor, we encourage members to obtain this newsletter electronically. Please let the editor know if you can make the switch from paper to pixels. Reach her at imwren@aol.com. Thank you!

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 86 years of experience and 850 local and state affiliates, the League is one of America's most trusted grassroots organizations.