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Holiday Party

Saturday, December 10, 2022

11:30 a.m. registration

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. luncheon

Rizotto's Italian Eatery &
Sweetry, 930 Maple Road,
Amherst, NY 14221

Guest Speaker: Kelly Cultrara is a board member for our charity of choice for this event, Upward Design for Life, Inc. Kelly chairs its Events and Fundraising Committee and is president of AP Professionals of WNY.

We will collect cash or checks to support this 501(c)3 non-profit at the event.

Deadline for final reservations is Friday, December 2, 2022.

Make reservations online at www.lwvbn.org or return the reservation form in this Voter with a check payable to LWVBN.

A cash bar will be available.

League of Women Voters Mission

The League of Women Voters is a good government organization that encourages informed and active participation in the political process, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League never supports political parties or candidates.

President's Letter and Board Business

Dear Members and Friends,

What a wonderful, engaged, and busy League we have!

At the October board meeting, we heard from the lawyers representing the Article 78 lawsuit against the Buffalo Common Council regarding the city redistricting maps that were recently approved. The issue is the process. It is felt that the city did not follow the procedure outlined in law, as to notice of the public meetings and community input. The board decided not to be a co-petitioner on this lawsuit, but we will actively voice our concern for the issue.

Our DEI Committee will be at the November 2, 2022, Civic Organizations Fair at the Northlands Training Center to promote voting and the League.

Please continue to check your LWNYS emails for all the interesting webinars they are providing for all League members. You can watch the video on the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 at this link, <https://lwvny.org/voting>. On November 8 or if you are voting absentee or by early voting, don't forget to flip your ballot to vote on this important issue.

Stay well and remind your family, friends, and neighbors to VOTE!

Lori Robinson

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions discussion group will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, via Zoom to discuss Chapter 8 in the 2022 Great Decisions book: **Biden foreign policy in an age of strategic competition**. The Foreign Policy Association, which sponsors this discussion group nationwide, says this about the topic:

"The new administration in Washington promised to reverse many of the policies of the past administration, especially in foreign policy. How will issues such as climate, the pandemic, and alliances be treated under the Biden administration?" *By John Ikenberry*

Karen Keaton will moderate this discussion. Contact Fran Holmes for additional information. *This will be the last discussion group session for the 2022 season. At this meeting there will be plans made for the 2023 Great Decisions season.*

Consider joining Great Decisions 2023!

The LWVBN-sponsored *Great Decisions* discussion group is organizing for 2023. Each month our group discusses a chapter from the Foreign Policy Association's (FPA) annual Great Decisions booklet. As taken from the FPA's website (www.fpa.org) "*Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs.*" The eight topics for 2023 are: Energy Geopolitics, War Crimes, China and U.S., Economic Warfare, Politics in Latin America, Global Famine, Iran at a Crossroads and Climate Migration. The FPA produces a short video to introduce each topic; the video is followed by our group discussion moderated by a local member. Members share moderating during the year; you don't have to be a subject matter expert to moderate. The FPA provides thought-provoking questions to lead the discussion.

This group met by Zoom the first Thursday of the month, March through November, from 10 a.m. to noon during the pandemic; prior to the pandemic we met at the League's office. We are currently deciding our 2023 plans. The FPA books are usually ordered by one member for distribution and reimbursement and the annual cost is approximately \$35, based on the number of people who order and shipping/handling costs. If you would like to join this group please contact Fran Holmes. A final decision on 2023 plans, and the ordering of books, will take place in mid-January.

Fran Holmes, *Great Decisions Coordinator*

Reservation for the Holiday Party, December 10, 2022
for people who order and pay by check.

Please mark an X in the box of each menu choice for the people in your party and note any dietary needs in the space below your contact information.

Name (please print)	Eggplant Parmigiana (vegetarian)	Chicken Francaise with Risotto & Grilled Vegetables

Total number of meals ordered: _____ X \$25 per meal = \$ _____

Write checks payable to LWVBN

Mail to LWVBN, 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209 by November 30, 2022.

Your phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Election Services Committee

The Election Services Committee is busy working with the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (BMHA) to get Tenant Council officers installed at each of the BMHA properties. We thank all the volunteers who helped stuff, stamp, and seal envelopes during October. We sent notices for six properties where we will hold nominating meetings in November.

Suzanne Thomas, JoAnn Mecca, Joyce DiChristina, Caren Shapiro, Elizabeth Kauffman, Janet Goodsell, Janet Lenicheck, Sarah Metzger, Liz McGough, Timothy Priano, Janet Massaro, Jenifer Hoffman, Ramona Gallagher, and Judy Huber, thank you all!

If you are interested in coming to one of the nominating meetings to learn how it all works, please email electionservices@lwvbn.org. We do need more volunteers as we will have more properties to work with in the new year.

Our upcoming schedule: 11/1 – Marine Drive, 11/7 – Stuyvesant, 11/9 – Shaffer Village, and 11/17 – Kenfield/Langfield.

Amy DiChristina and Lori Robinson





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

November 2022

Thursday, November 3, 10:00 a.m.

Great Decisions

via Zoom

Tuesday, November 8, 4:00 p.m.

Program, Issues & Events Committee

via Zoom

Wednesday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.

Local Government Committee

via Zoom

Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Committee

via Zoom

Monday, November 14, 4:00 p.m.

Board of Directors

via Zoom

Tuesday, November 22, 4:30 p.m.

Education Committee

via Zoom

Friday, November 25, 11:00 a.m.

Healthcare Committee

via Zoom