

This eVoter contains 4 items for your attention:

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A. No Child Left Behind: Successes, Failures, Changes

A panel discussion presented by LWVNJ - Mark your calendar!

Gold Sponsors: Bank of America, New Jersey Education Association, PSE&G and the Selective Insurance Foundation

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2008

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm (Coffee, pastries and fruit at 9:00 am)

Location: Rutgers University

Livingston Campus

Lucy Stone Hall

54 Joyce Kilmer Avenue

Piscataway, NJ 08854-8040

Fee: \$5 -- No pre-registration required

Speakers: Representative Rush Holt

Panel: Sean Hadley, Assistant for Government Relations, NJ Principals and Supervisors Association

Dr. Chris Tienken, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Monroe Township

Candace Goldstein: Director of Special Programs, Orange School District

Mary Anne Bonalsky: recently retired teacher, West New York School District

The aim of NCLB is to improve student achievement by maintaining high standards for all students. Since 100% of students must meet state proficiency in reading and math by 2014, where does NCLB stand and is it working?

For information: contact@lwnj.org, (609) 394-3303

http://www.lwnj.org/news/events/2008_0329_NCLB.pdf

B. National Convention Awards

The deadline is fast approaching to apply for the 2008 LWVUS Convention Awards. New Jersey Leagues have fantastic programs that deserve to be nominated and highlighted on a national stage! Show that New Jersey pride by nominating your League!

All Leagues — no matter the size — are encouraged to apply and don't need to be attending the conference to win. Applications are simply a one-page application and a one-page description of the project. Deadline: March 31, 2008

Award categories are:

*Citizen Engagement Award - For programs that reconnect citizens with government such as a community dialogue around an issue of local concern or efforts to engage youth in civic

life.

*Voter Education Award - For programs that enhance voter participation such as voter hotlines, voters' guides, and candidate forums.

*Reform Award - For programs that strengthen our democracy through reform such as activating the grassroots to advocate for change or leading a coalition to advance policy change.

*Diversity Award - For programs that promote inclusion of all voices in civic life such as a forum to discuss diversity issues or outreach to underserved populations in your community.

*Pioneer Award — For programs and activities that are unique and innovative and have been especially successful in recruiting members and gaining visibility for LWV.

*Website Award — For League websites that are interactive, easy to use, informational, functional, and incorporate best practices for website creation.

To access the application go to:

http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Council_and_Convention&CONTENTID=10728&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm

Applications should be emailed to Julianne Minar at jminar@lwv.org, sent via fax at 202-429-0854 or by mail at 1730 M St NW Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036.

C. The State Board report for March 2008 is now online at

http://www.lwvnj.org/members/SBR/SBR_2008_03.pdf

If you are a local League President or the "official" recipient of the SBR for your League, it is important that you obtain a copy, deal with any required actions, and make sure that appropriate board members are given the pieces that apply to them.

**** President Maiese's letter ** NEW**

Anne M. issues a call for a local league to host the state's own convention, in spring 2009. It's hard but rewarding work. And you get to have a convention in your back yard! She also discusses a number of committees around the state League, and the upcoming national convention.

**** Callathon/Annual Appeal local League participation ** Callathon is winding down and we need your help! As of March 15, we had received donations totaling \$37,511. Help us reach our goal of \$51,000 by encouraging your friends and league members to donate now!**

**** Upcoming events list ** UPDATED**

**** Advocacy/Action in Trenton ** NEW**

Lobbyist Sandy Matsen updates us on a wide variety of legislative matters, from fiscal policy to ethics to horseshoe crabs.

**** Update on studies approved at last convention ** NEW**

Louise Murray talks us through studies on the voting rights of probationers and parolees, and on dual office holding.

**** Sunshine week activities ****

**** No Child Left Behind ****

March 29, 2008. Plan on attending! We look forward to seeing you there.

**** Immigration Committee ** NEW**

If you're interested in immigration issues, here's your chance to get in on the ground floor of this new committee, chaired by former president Deborah Macmillan.

**** NJ Citizens Guides order form ****

Guides are being shipped now. Get your orders in! They make great sales items for local League fund raisers.

D. "Negotiating Women: Bargaining in Business and Life"

The League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area presents this program along with dinner.

Date: April 8, 2008

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Provisi's Restaurant
50 South Street
Morristown, NJ 07960
BYOB

Fee: \$30

Speaker: Linda Stamato, co-director of the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at Rutgers

Knowing how to negotiate is a vital skill for all phases of our lives. Come and join the discussion.

Please send your reservation, along with a check for \$30 made out to LWVMA, to:

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Morristown, NJ 07960

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