

# THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Champlain Valley

January 2011

## Calendar of Events

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

### Local, Statewide, Regional Meetings

Date	Time	Place	Description
Jan. 12	11:00am	Fletcher Free Library Burlington	Transportation Study
Jan. 15	10:30am	Kellog-Hubbard Library Montpelier	LWVVT Board Meeting All members welcome
Jan. 19	10:30am	22 Carmichael St. Essex Junction	Champlain Valley Board Meeting All members welcome
Feb. 12	10:30am	TBA	LWVVT Board Meeting All members welcome
Feb. 16	5pm	CVLWV Legislative Dinner	at Eagle's Club near High School
Mar. 16	9am	The State House Montpelier	Annual event for members to meet with their legislators

### President's Message

The topic for our meeting this month is the Transportation Study. All of our information is on the state league's website, [www.lwvofvt.org](http://www.lwvofvt.org). There is a separate section on this study, which is loaded with information. In reading through the material, wherever you see the word "here" highlighted, there is additional information on that topic.

Please, please, log on and read. The forthcoming GMC will have more information as well as the consensus questions to be answered. Those questions can be answered by you at the meeting, by e-mail or on the phone.

Of course, we would like to have you at the meeting to round out the discussion, to get input from you and, who knows, perhaps solve a transportation problem for the state!

## Health Care Legislation

Here in Vermont Dr. Hsaio will be presenting the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of 3 health care plans On Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public comment period until Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. League members who are interested in health care reform will want to come together to prepare a statement or comment individually.

The National League as well as many state Leagues are getting ready for new legislation to be presented and will keep a close watch to see if it complies with our consensus for improved universal (perhaps 'Medicare for All') coverage. Here are websites on which you can watch and maybe have input on the action:

[www.workerscenter.org/healthcare](http://www.workerscenter.org/healthcare)

[vermontforsinglepayer.org/](http://vermontforsinglepayer.org/)

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) (Go to 'Take Action' and then 'Health Care Reform')

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