



# Commentator

## MAY 2014

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2014		CALENDAR
MAY		
1	Thurs. 4:30 – 7 PM	<b>May Day Party</b> at the Kirkland Hotel, 1899 national landmark structure and cornerstone of Kingston's Stockade Area Historic District. An appreciation party for LWV members and prospective members plus allies and other friends. <a href="mailto:info@lwvmidhudson.org">info@lwvmidhudson.org</a> or 845-340-2003.
2	Fri. 10 AM	<b>Shared Services Study Committee</b> , home of Suzi Stoller, 27 Brentwood Drive, Poughkeepsie. Call 462-6798 for directions.
6	Tues. 7:15 PM	<b>LWV MHR Board Meeting</b> , home of Shirley Kobran, 53 Schuler Lane, Lake Katrine, 845-382-6989
8	Thurs. 2 PM	<b>Resource Development</b> Committee Meeting. Home of Margaret Sellers, 80 Ringtop Rd, Kingston. Confirm date, time, location: 339-3180 or 340-2003
13	Tues. 5:30 PM	<b>LWV Materials Management (Solid Waste) Study Committee</b> , Gateway Diner Rt 9W just north of the Mid-Hudson Bridge, Highland. For info or to confirm: Cindy Lanzetta, 845-236-7288 or <a href="mailto:packback56@yahoo.com">packback56@yahoo.com</a>
18 - 21	Sun. – Wed.	<b>LWVNYS Students Inside Albany</b> The student we're sending is Ethan Hunt of Kingston HS.
19	Mon. 8:30 - 9 AM	<b>Listen to LWV members on Kingston Community Radio on WGHQ, AM 920.</b> Go to <a href="http://www.mykcr.org">www.mykcr.org</a> to listen to it on your computer. Call 845-331-1004 to ask a question or make a comment. We are guests every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 8:30 – 9 pm. TOPIC this month: LWV Students Inside Albany
22	Thurs. 4:30 – 7:30 PM	<b>LWV-MHR ANNUAL MEETING</b> New Paltz Community Center behind NP Town Hall, Veterans Drive off Rt. 32 N (.3 mi. south of BOCES complex or .7 mi. north of Rt. 299) \$15 pp includes appetizers, drinks and a light supper. Donations welcome. Business meeting details included in this Commentator. Speakers are the Election Commissioners from both Counties: Tom Turco (R) and Vic Work (D) from Ulster, Marco Caviglia (D), Christopher Baiano (Deputy Commissioner, R) from Dutchess <b>NOTE: Place and Time have changed since our last issue.</b>

**PREZ SEZ...**

Earth Day will have come and gone by the time you read this, though perhaps not the compost bin and rain barrel sale on Sat., April 26, 9 - 3 at the Sears parking lot at the Kingston Mall. It's supported by both the Ulster and Dutchess Resource Recovery Agencies - a lovely across-the-river partnership.

Don't wait 'til 3 to go - they may run out. Composting is catching on! I'm determined to get serious about it this year because just scattering coffee grounds and veggie peels out under our trees has made a noticeable difference in the already dwindling amount of trash we take to the transfer station. And it would be even nicer to do it right and have good clean compost to use as well. So the time for a bin has arrived!

I've also been thinking a lot about soil and farming because of the study we just participated in with leagues across the U.S. I sent our responses off to LWVUS today and they will be combined with other leagues' and a new, revised agriculture position will be presented to us at the LWVUS Convention in Dallas this June. We'll all be anxious to see if other leagues reached the same conclusions our league did! Farming varies greatly from region to region but I'm guessing league concerns have many common threads.

Special thanks to Margaret Sellers and Vic Melville, Helen and Sherry Chase, Shirley Kobran, Anne Needham, and Dorothy Winrow for doing so much work on the study and to all who showed up on April 8 to help us reach consensus. The people as well as the topics are what make these studies so exciting to work on - really!

See you on May Day and at the Annual Meeting!

*Dave*

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**ANNUAL MEETING: SEE NOTICE AT END OF THIS ISSUE**

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**PROGRAM NEWS****MAY DAY PARTY**

Good weather's here at last, and it's time to celebrate with our friends and allies! The party's from 4:30 to 7 pm Thursday, May 1, at the Historic Kirkland Hotel at Main St. and Clinton Ave. in Kingston (between the County Office Building and the Stockade District).

Please RSVP to [info@lwvmidhudson.org](mailto:info@lwvmidhudson.org) or 845-340-2003 if you can come. A significant other and/or someone you'd just like to introduce to the League is also very welcome.

If you'd like to bring some soda, wine or beer or something for the buffet table, donations are welcome, but mostly we just want you to come. It's been a long, stressful winter and it's time to hang loose

### ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FEATURED at OUR ANNUAL MEETING

**Thurs., May 22, 4:30 – 7:30 pm, New Paltz Community Center,** Veterans Avenue (behind Town Hall off Rt 32 N, .7 mi. north of Rt 299)

It may not be unusual to see your county Board of Elections commissioners together but it's pretty rare to see two from Dutchess and two from Ulster all in the same room. What an opportunity to get your questions answered!

Dutchess will be represented by Commissioner Marco Caviglia (D) and Deputy Commissioner Christopher Baiano (R) and Ulster by Commissioners Tom Turco (R) and Vic Work (D). We have asked them to be prepared to answer some questions related to our statewide Ballot Access study, but we won't limit them to that. (The study is described in tiny print below\* and you can go to <http://www.lwvny.org/programs-studies/ballot-access.html> for more details and study materials.)

#### SCHEDULE

4:30 appetizers and drinks  
5:00 commissioners speaking, answering questions  
6:00 light dinner catered by Main Street Bistro  
6:30 annual business meeting

See information about the business elsewhere in this Commentator, but what isn't mentioned is lots of good conversation. And non-members are definitely welcome!

*Note: our new fiscal year begins June 1 so this event is a great time to pay your dues! Dues notices go out soon - \$50 for an individual, \$75 for a household.*

\*In New York State, candidates for elected office most often gain access to the general election ballot by obtaining political party ballot lines via various mechanisms. The League of Women Voters Ballot Access study will examine the role of political parties in the process of gaining access to the general election ballot. Specifically, we will explore the process of gaining party lines on the general ballot via 1) NY's closed primary system, 2) fusion voting, and 3) Wilson Pakula certificates. The study will include discussion and comparison of the different forms of primary systems and other states' experiences with fusion voting. In addition, we will explore the possible effects NY's ballot access process has on issues such as voter representation, corruption, voter turnout, and partisanship. At the conclusion of the study, we hope to be able to offer suggestions for ballot access best practices that ensure a thriving and functioning democracy.

### STUDY AND ADVOCACY

#### Meeting of Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association

April 1, 2014 Copperfield's

This was the third meeting of this association that the League attended regarding shared services; the first was in September 2011, the second in October 2012. Many changes were evident. LWV members Ellie Charwat, Gina Klein and Jolanda Jansen attended.

- Attendance by supervisors was much greater than earlier with at least 24 supervisors
- The supervisors were younger and there were many more women
- A feeling of cooperation in sharing information and projects was much more evident
- Budgets are much tighter and the municipalities are really caught between the tax cap and the demand for services
- The passage of the state budget late the previous evening left most of the attendees unsure exactly what the new funding formulas were for the municipalities and what impact they would have on their tax rates
- There was definitely more interest in shared services but frustration with some of the implementation, e.g. delays in the cloud computing grant that took up a lot of supervisors' time and radically higher rates for workers' comp for the Town of Pawling who has been in the county plan for several years but could get no reason for the increase. But several towns that had recently joined the county consortium for workman's comp found great savings

(Town of Poughkeepsie and others)

- Regarding the cloud-based data management effort, supervisors expressed concern over frequent parameter changes. In addition, the county will manage the system and it appears that there will be a charge to the municipalities for services.
- There was a sense that NY State was “trying to shove consolidation down our throats” according to one supervisor
- Others, especially the Supervisor for the Town of LaGrange, expressed that this was an opportunity to reduce expenses. He kept asking for ideas that worked.
- The Supervisor for the Town of Fishkill is interested in improved analysis to determine financial savings before implementation.
- Many towns that already manage their budgets with part-time positions don't see obvious opportunities for savings.
- Our Power Point presentation went over well – no suggestions for change. When we talked about the county grants, those who were recipients and present, updated us on the progress.
- Most agreed with the idea of having the public vote on fire district budgets and having both fire and school districts vote on election day

Suggested followup:

- Meet with Town of Poughkeepsie supervisor about involving the public in our project
- Inform the group that state grant program re CAPS for assessment is still active
- Ask the county why the Pawling workers' comp rate went up so drastically this year and why the Pawling supervisor couldn't get a simple answer to this question.

Ellie Charwat

**Materials  
Management  
Committee  
(Solid Waste)**

**April 2014**

The Committee decided to postpone its meeting this month, in order to encourage greater turnout for the consensus meeting on the League's Agricultural position.

Three of us met with Dutchess County Legislator James Miccio, on April 16th, at the Daily Planet Diner in Lagrangeville. As a past Chairman, and now the new Chairman, of the Legislative Environmental Committee, Legislator Miccio has a sound history of involvement in Materials Management/Solid Waste in Dutchess. We were able to mine that wealth and were pleased to know that the Legislature is active in monitoring the good work of Lindsay Carille and the Solid Waste Management Division of the County Planning Department. The Legislature is also keeping a sharp eye on the new contract that the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency will negotiate this year for the operation of the burn facility.

Legislator Miccio agreed with our Committee members that education is key to successful materials management. He also agreed that the concept of product stewardship – cradle to grave – is the direction in which we should be moving. The Committee gave him a packet of the information on the NYS Legislative Bills A6930 and S4690 that would require a stewardship program for paint. Last year the Ulster County Legislature passed a resolution of support for the reuse, recycling and disposal of paint through a trade association representing paint manufacturers (as detailed in the state bills). We asked Legislator Miccio to consider bringing this information to the Environmental Committee with the possibility of moving it to the Legislature for a resolution of support. He said he would study it and get back to us.

Mr. Miccio is not only a Legislator, but he has been Mayor of the Village of Fishkill for 15 years. He works for the NYC Department of the Environment and is involved with the State's Conservation and Soils District. The Committee had a very interesting conversation on a number of issues. It was a pleasure to “pick the brain” of such a diverse public servant.

On April 17th a couple of our members attended “Planning for the Future of Recycling & Materials Management” hosted by Dutchess County Planning and Solid Waste Management. We look forward to hearing their report at our next meeting on May 13th. As always, we encourage anyone to attend. We meet at the Gateway Diner, Rt. 9W, in Highland at 5:30pm.

Respectfully, Cindy Lanzetta, Committee Chairman

**ULSTER COUNTY OBSERVER CORP**

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**Laws and Rules,  
Governmental  
Services  
Committee**

**April 14, 2014, 6:05 – 6:58 PM**

**Committee Members:** Richard A. Parete, Chairman, Kevin A. Roberts, Deputy Chairman, Kenneth J. Ronk, David B. Donaldson, Lynn Archer

Meeting called to order by the Chairman Parete, and approval of March 8, 2014 Special Meeting and March 17, 2014 meeting minutes.

**Resolutions for April 15, 2014, including:**

**Resolution No. 81 – Denying Use Of The County Seal Or Any Other Ulster County Identification With Regard To The New York Safe Act.**

Approved. Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum recommended the resolution go to the legislature following his comments he doesn't want the county seal associated with the SAFE program and that the program would be administrated thru the State Police. He says no challenges from other counties and any questions are referred to the State Police. Legislator Ken Ronk stated county clerks are against use of county seals other than by the county. Other legislators supported the sheriff and the county clerks. (Tomorrow, 4/15/14, is the deadline for registering assault arms.)

There was a general discussion of a general resolution about use of the county seal. Action held to next month.

All other regular and LATE resolutions were approved.

**New Business:**

The committee discussed the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency protocol and process of board member selections by the county. The chairman of the legislature appoints members to the board. Public Authority law was discussed and county counsels opinions are being sought.

The procedures for LATE resolutions were discussed and clarification is being sought with the County Executive and the legislature.

Legislator Donaldson discussed dealing with charter changes.

Resumes are to be requested of prospective appointees recommended by the committee to the legislature.

LWV Observer: Vic Melville, 4-18-14

**April 1, 2014, 6:30 – 7:18 PM**

**Committee Members:** Thomas J. Briggs, Chairman, James F. Maloney, Deputy Chairman, Chris Allen,

Lynn Archer, Herbert Litts, III, Mary Beth Maio, Hector S. Rodriguez

Meeting called to order by Chairman Briggs, and approval of March 4, 2014 meeting minutes.

**Resolutions for April 15, 2014:**

**1. [WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR] Resolution No. 10 - Opposing The Granting Of A PILOT Agreement By The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency For The Park Point New**

**Economic  
Development,  
Tourism, Housing,  
Planning & Transit  
Committee**



Paltz Application

See New Business below.

**2. Resolution No. 121** - Confirming The Appointment Of Lisa Berger As Director Of The Department Of Employment And Training

Approved.

**3. Resolution No. 140** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – VHB Engineering Surveying And Landscape Architecture, P.C. – Planning Department

Approved, following comments by Chris White of the Planning Dept. that 5% from the county and 95% from federal for the funding.

**4. Resolution No. 141** - Urging The New York State Legislature To Pass Legislation Amending The General Municipal Law And Vehicle And Traffic Law To Authorize Ulster County To Regulate The Registration And Licensing Of Taxicabs, Limousines And Livery Vehicles

Approved, following a discussion with industry representatives present. The committee discussed administration issues and to be aware of unintended consequences and the interests of the county and state.

**5. Resolution No. 142** - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget - Appropriating Unexpended Grant Funds From The New York State Department Of State – Department Of Tourism

Approved.

**6. Resolution No. 143** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement To Receive Grant Funding From The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation For Green Infrastructure Elements Utilized In The STRIVE Project – SUNY Ulster Satellite Campus – Department Of Planning

Approved.

#### **Old Business:**

Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee (Comprehensive Overview) Steve Rice, Chairman, Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, presented an overview of the 2013 Annual Report highlighting various projects. Chris White, Planning Dept., commented on their view of four rail trails. A Capital Projects resolution is expected later this year to the County Legislature.

#### **New Business:**

Legislator Herbert Litts, III presented an issue with the proposed FDA Rule Making on Spent Grain. He expressed great concern about a large problem for brewers, particularly for craft brewers, and he shared material from the Brewers Association. Resolutions, letters and e-mails were discussed as means to express concerns and request more information of the FDA and the NY DEC.

Resolution No. 10 revisited: Legislators Hector Rodriquez, Mary Beth Maio and Ken Wishnick (not a committee member) commented on IDA appointments and policy, town issues, and the IDA's oversight mission. Chairman Briggs halted the comments as not appropriate at this meeting.

LWV Observer, Vic Melville, 4-18-14

#### **Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee**

April 2, 2014 5:30 – 6:17 PM

#### **Committee Members:**

David B. Donaldson, Chairman, Mary Wawro, Deputy Chairman, Lynn Archer, Donald J. Gregorius, Craig V. Lopez

**Other Attendees:** Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration UCCC; R. Michael Lamoree, Executive Director Community Action Committee, and Carl Brown.

Meeting called to order by Chairman David Donaldson and approval of minutes of March 5, 2014.

**Ulster County Community Action – Michael Lamoree, Exec. Director**, welcomed the committee to the agency center and presented a brief history of the agency and an update on current programs and activities. Appointing and reappointing board members was discussed and approved. Current activities include renovations for food services of regular cooking toward food distribution. The winter weather was difficult for their clients to receive services and support for winter expenses. The agency is working on fundraising events and grants, and efforts of better

business practices. An agency board member, Carl Brown, attended and discussed some of the issues.

**Ulster County Community College – Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration**, discussed the current enrollment (down some 16%), but the budget is within 3%, and he discussed budget items that will be addressed in the upcoming budget hearing. Legislator Donald Gregorius commented on the success of the “single moms” program.

#### **Resolutions for April 15, 2014**

1. **Resolution No. 115** – Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., Board Of Directors

Approved.

2. **Resolution No. 127** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Alliance Medical Alert – Office For The Aging

Approved.

3. **Resolution No. 128** – Confirming Re-Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

Approved.

4. **Resolution No. 129** – Confirming Re-Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

Approved.

5. **Resolution No. 130** – Authorizing A Public Hearing On Tentative Budget Of The Ulster County Community College For The Year 2014-2015 To Be Held On Wednesday, June 11, 2014 At 6:30 PM

Approved.

6. **Resolution No. 143** – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement To Receive Grant Funding From The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation For Green Infrastructure Elements Utilized In The STRIVE Project – SUNY Ulster Satellite Campus – Department Of Planning

Approved.

#### **New Business:**

The Youth Bureau appointment process involving the County Executive was discussed and there was a discussion of an advisory group for appointments.

Legislator Craig Lopez requested resumes for appointments. Legislator Lynn Archer said to refer to Laws & Rules for procedures. Legislator Gregorius emphasized checking for qualifications and conflicts of interest.

#### **Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 – at Cornell Cooperative Extension.**

LWV Observer, Vic Melville, 4-18-14

### **UC Legislative Public Health and Social Services Committee**

The Committee was convened by Chairman, Legislator Lopez at 6:15 on March 31<sup>st</sup> and adjourned at 7:55.

Present: Lopez, Provenzano, Allen, Belfiglio, Litts; Nettie Tomshaw, Committee Clerk  
Others present: DCE Ken Crannell, Tina Lee, Director of Public Relations, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

As the first order of business the committee dealt with the minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting, which it approved.

The Chairman then advised the committee that as the speaker, Tina Lee, had arrived, the committee would hear her comments before it handled the rest of the agenda.

Ms. Lee is the Director of Public Relations for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). This organization has been serving Ulster and Cutchess counties since 1981. Its primary goal is to assist those with mental illness and their families whether with NAMI or another organization which can provide the help the family and individual needs.

The group believes that those who have a mental illness if diagnosed, provided the treatment

and drugs needed, can be a start to enable the person with the problem to lead a productive life.

Based on what Ms. Lee Stated the group is made up of volunteers; there is no paid staff.

NAMI has a number of programs that it offers: family-to-family, NAMI Basics, community outreach, advocacy. There are over 1200 affiliates across the United States. She noted that she had been advised that there has been a 25% increase in these problems in the last few months in local areas. She emphasized how important it was for people to understand the goal to be reached: strong mind/strong body.

Another point she emphasized was the need to have empathy for the person with the problem; how important having empathy was.

Locally, it appears based on her comments, that the group in Ulster deals primary with students and young children and their families.

When asked what she was looking for from the county, her response was she was looking for an advertising grant so that they could have the dollars to pay for a 2-person office staff and dollars to expand its programs so that it can provide the best quality of assistance for a reasonable cost.

Ms. Lee was very positive about the support received from various groups in the government sector. Toward the end of her presentation when she was asked to confirm that NAMI has no paid staff, which she did, she did mention a board of directors but no specifics were given.

Members of the committee made some suggestions to her of possible contacts to help financially, provide public awareness: various service clubs, chamber of commerce, NYS grants writing program, newspapers in both counties, state representatives, radio stations/TV as well.

It should be noted that throughout her presentation, Ms. Lee referenced examples of various situations involving people she knew who had availed themselves over time of the various programs that are being offered by NAMI, including her own daughter, who apparently is doing much better.

Ms. Lee provided a folder of material on NAMI for those who were present at the meeting.

Following Ms. Lee's presentation, the committee took up the three resolutions noted on the agenda:

Resolution #131: the committee approved the contract between the county and Cornell Cooperative Extension which will enable the latter to offer the EAT SMART New York "snap-ed" nutrition education program, which is funded to Cornell Cooperative by the state to low income families in Ulster County. Passed

Resolution #132: Referred to the re-appointment of Doctor Dominique Delma to the UC Board of Health for a term: the present through December 31, 2018. Passed. The committee will request that it be provided with a resume of appointments whenever it is asked to approve such appointments in the future.

Resolution #133: This resolution is to authorize the Chairman of the UC Legislature to enter into a lease agreement for space in Highland which will enable UCDSS to offer services through its Coordinated Children's Services/NEXIS program. These services are for families whose children are at risk of placement into therapeutic foster care, psychiatric hospitalization, or residential treatment facilities in an effort to keep the child safely at home and avoid costly out-of-home placements. The previous site for these services located in New Paltz is no longer available. The cost for the new site in Highland is apparently comparable to the one in New Paltz. The cost is 62% state and 38% county. Passed.

Under new business the committee members discussed briefly the following topics:

-that it would be helpful to the committee to once again have department heads with whom the committee would be associated with to come and explain what they do;

-the possibility of developing a proclamation in May to show support for Mental Health awareness;

-the possibility that the committee could receive such complaints that any UC resident of a nursing home, or the family, in UC or outside UC; Legislator Belfiglio said he would contact Anne



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Town Supervisors  
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Cardinale to determine whether OFA had any means of providing such oversight;

-developing possible resolutions one to be sent to the US Congress; one to the NYS Legislature dealing with the HIPPA provisions (Congress) and as it applies to state penal code and the falsification of business records as it apparently applies to correspondence between hospitals and insurance companies re costs for patients. Apparently if e-mailed or faxed one cannot obtain unless there is litigation and a subpoena obtained. Legislator Allen will work on.

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

The April 15, 2014 meeting of the UC Association of Town Supervisors and Mayors was convened by President T/Rochester Supervisor Carl Chipman at 8:34 and adjourned at 10:23.

Mr. Chipman noted that, while there was not that many of the supervisors present due to holiday week (Passover and Easter), school vacation, the meeting would continue as the representatives from Family and the Red Cross were in attendance as scheduled.

Michael Berg of Family, Mr. Raphael and Mr. Laferty represented the Red Cross.

The main points that were stressed were:

-making contact with the town supervisors and town boards in order to work together with Family, the Red Cross and the other not-for-profits (there are 30 different groups already involved) in preparing to deal with the problems that arise from weather, extensive storms, like Irene and Lee for example;

-to be prepared ahead of such situations;

-to know where the shelters are located for people generally;

-to have shelters for pets (apparently UC does not have shelters for pets which is a major concern to the pet owners);

-to know where the elderly are located as well as what they need (have learned the elderly do not want to leave their homes);

-to deal with problems that exist at the county level like Central Hudson; needs to have its teams located in areas around county for faster response rather than apparently stationed in Kingston alone;

-27 shelters have been identified in UC by the Red Cross of which 25 are considered Red Cross shelters (covered by agreements) and 2 are Independent.

A second area of concern involves food. A grant has been received by Family from the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley.

Being able to provide nutritious meals for children of major concern. Breakfast and lunch provided during school year. Once school out for summer, such is not available. Mr. Berg stated that the Summer Meals Program is being developed to address that problem. He would like the T/Supervisors to identify places in their towns where such meals could be brought to by Family. While it is easier to do this in City of Kingston, more difficult to accomplish in the towns without help from the towns.

Additionally, Family will also try to improve the quality of food provided to the local food pantries.

At this point the supervisors put this discussion on hold in order to provide County Executive Hein an opportunity to speak with the group.

Initially Mr. Hein referenced the process that had, until recently, been employed in handling those individuals, particularly children who have been sexually abused. He pointed out that they had been face with innumerable interviews from those charged with handling such cases, who were attempting to just do their jobs. Very stressful for those interviewed.

Apparently the county approached the Red Cross about using an unused house on O'Neil Street to be able to offer a different way of handling such matters. He thanked the Red Cross for being agreeable to helping introduce this new approach on the part of the county. Apparently it appears like a Day Care center, police are upstairs, but it is presented in a less stressful manner, for which Mr. Hein thanked the Red Cross for its help.

He has met with CSX Railroad, which will provide training for people who have had to deal with the problems stemming from trains stopping for long periods of time; and the county will be apprised in from now on as to what the trains are carrying, which will go a long way to allay concerns of people in general.

Mr. Hein also emphasized that he wished to work with the towns, and that they work with him in furthering discussion on shared services capabilities. He will host a meeting; made a point of saying he is a participant.

There was reference made to when tax bills are sent out, the need for mandate relief, and the escalating costs of fuel, electric, etc.; and the effect that some have seen on the elderly; causing any number to leave the general area. The comment to this was this is apparently a trend seen throughout the north east and other areas in the United States.

After Mr. Hein left the supervisors took up the previous topic regarding preparedness.

The towns do have shelters, have various programs within the towns, and such varies from town to town.

Mr. Berg requested that the towns designate 4 places in UC to which Family could then distribute food to such and the people in those areas would receive such supplies....much faster and easier. He pointed out that there are 47 different pantries and food saving programs. Apparently this is the reason for his request as well as enabling Family to improve the quality of good brought to the 4 areas.

The treasurer's report and minutes of the last meeting were accepted. The May meeting will involve further commentary from Tim Rose, UCRRA; cyber security, and possibly commence discussion on shared services.

There was some discussion on the lack of coverage in various areas of UC with regards to using cell phones, computers, TV, etc. The group adopted a motion to have their existing contracts with ComCast reviewed with respects to Broadband, cable and possibly developing a "united front" to obtaining such service at a reasonable price.

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>Thursday, May 22, 2014, 4:30-7:30 pm, New Paltz Community Center behind NP Town Hall, Veterans Drive off Rt 32 S (.3 mi. south of BOCES complex or .7 mi. north of Rt 299)</b>	
<b>Nominating Committee Report: Election of Directors, Officers &amp; Nominating Committee</b>	<b>Directors</b>	<b>Officers</b>
	Cindy Lanzetta (14-16) Esther Stickley (14-16) Margaret Sellers (14-16)	Co-presidents: Dare Thompson and Jolanda Jansen (14-16) Secretary: Irene McInnis (14-16)
	<b>Continuing:</b> Shirley Kobran (13-15) Lee Ridgway (13-15) Soyal Smalls (13-15)	<b>Continuing:</b> Vice-President: Anne Needham to fill-out term of Jolanda Jansen (14-15) Treasurer: Dorothy Winrow (13-15)
	<b>Nominating Committee</b>	
	Jean McGarry	Jim McGarry
<b>Programs</b>	<b>Program Proposals</b>	
	1. <b>Continuing:</b> Shared Services and Studies of Materials Management (Solid Waste)	
	2. <b>New:</b> none	

### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

*Fiscal Year is June 1 - May 31*

	<b>Actual Totals 6/1/2012 to 05/31/13</b>	<b>Actual Totals 6/1/13 to 03/11/14</b>	<b>Adopted Budget 6/1/2013 to 05/31/14</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 6/1/2014 to 05/31/15</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Individual Dues	3125	1550.00	3150	3150
Household Dues	1225	875.00	1200	1200
Interest	38.71	29.08	50	40
Contributions: Gen Fund	1575.38	1506.66	900	1300
Contributions: Ed Fund	1275	1000.00	1800	1300
Fundraising	4545	200.00	4500	3650
Ads/Sponsorships	0	0.00	500	0
Voter Service	345	65.00	300	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12129.09</b>	<b>5225.74</b>	<b>12400</b>	<b>10940</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Operations, phone,web	941.76	364.00	1200	1200
Organizational Activities	1173.01	0.00	650	650
Educational Activities	652.24	549.00	1210	1200
Public Programs	29.71	125.80	400	400
Delegates	549.52	64.00	800	800
Comm Printing	587.86	254.52	600	400
Comm. Mailing	338.7	138.80	350	200
LWVNYS	1539	1485.00	1539	1440
LWVUS	2650.35	2557.50	2651	2450
Fundraising	1689.59	33.26	3000	2200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10151.74</b>	<b>5571.88</b>	<b>12400</b>	<b>10940</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>1977.35</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>