

85th Birthday Celebration

*League of Women Voters
Rochester Metropolitan Area*



Tuesday, April 13, 2010

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Rochester Club Ballroom, 120 East Avenue

Speaker

David Cay Johnston

on

"The Value of Civic Engagement in a Democracy"



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Since 1924*

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Welcome

Katherine Smith, Co-President, LWV/RMA

Greetings

Robert Duffy, Mayor, City of Rochester
Maggie Brooks, Monroe County Executive
Sandra Frankel, Brighton Town Supervisor
Betsey Swan, President LWWNY

Highlights of the Decades

Katherine Smith

Acknowledgement of Honored Partners

Katherine Smith

Lunch

Speaker

David Cay Johnston, Author/Columnist

“The Value of Civic Engagement in a Democracy”

Closing

HONORED PARTNERS

ADVOCACY

Center for Environmental Information
Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning
Domestic Violence Consortium
Early Childhood Development Initiative
Fair Election Practices Committee
Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative
Monroe County Federation of Environmentalists
Sierra Club

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS/INSTITUTIONS

American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Center For Governmental Research
Interfaith Alliance of Rochester
Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs
Susan B. Anthony House
The Ukrainian Federal Credit Union

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District
Nazareth College
Rochester Chapter Upstate Green Business Network
Rochester Museum & Science Center
Seneca Park Zoo
St. John Fisher College
SUNY Brockport

ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

FOUNDATIONS

The Community Foundation

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David Cay Johnston is the Pulitzer Prize winning reporter for *The New York Times* who revealed that Enron did not pay taxes and that some companies use a Bermudan mail box to escape paying American taxes. He retired from *The Times* in April 2008, after 13 years.

Johnson wrote his first investigative report in 1967. His stories included:

- Revealing the Los Angeles Police Department corruption and brutality. The LAPD was later brought under the aegis of the federal government.
- Revealing mismanagement at United Ways in Los Angeles and Washington, DC. A new president was hired.
- Revealing the internal finances of Ernst and Young. The CEO lost his job.
- Exposing news blackouts and manipulations at WJIM, the most profitable TV station in America. The FCC forced the sale of the station.
- Revealing that the corporate income taxes that customers pay in their monthly electric bills often never get to the government.
- Showing how tax rules let unscrupulous employers steal their workers 401(k) savings. New federal rules were put in place.

His reporting promoted the only major policy change made by the Bush Administration, which dropped a stealth plan to cut taxes on the super rich by a quarter of a trillion dollars over ten years.

Mr. Johnston has also written several books. His latest, "*Free Lunch*", a national best seller, exposes the massive transfers of wealth from the poor, middle class and affluent to the super rich. He is the author of "*Perfectly Legal*", a national best seller on our tax system that won the 2004 Investigative Book of the Year award. His first book was "*Temples of Chance*", an exposé of the casino industry.

Johnston studied economics on fellowship at graduate school at the University of Chicago after six years of studying at the undergraduate level. He taught for eight years at the University of Southern California. He now lectures around the country.

David Cay Johnston is the father of eight children and has five grandsons. He is married to Jennifer Leonard, president of The Community Foundation of the Greater Rochester Area.