



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF GREATER LAFAYETTE

Welcome to the League

Since 1920 the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette has been working to make our community strong, safe, and healthy, and its citizens informed and active participants in our democracy. You are joining a long line of women and men who have worked to build a better community.

How can you get involved?

There's always something to do for the League. Here are ten ideas for activities that might interest you.

1. Volunteer to help at a League sponsored public meeting or candidates' forum.
2. Come to lunch with League members the second Thursday of each month at Jane's Gourmet Deli on 4th Street, Lafayette. Get to know fellow Leaguers and join in a wide-ranging discussion. It's a fun and relaxed period – drop in anytime between noon to 1pm.
3. Help with voter registration.
4. Help determine next year's priorities and programs by attending the program planning meeting. Then come to the annual meeting in May!
5. Join a study committee. A study committee on township government in Tippecanoe County completed their work in October 2010. Currently, the committee is sharing the findings and recommendations with the community through public forums.
6. Volunteer to help with the newsletter – articles are always needed. We also look for members to address and mail the *Voter*
7. Help with our Community Events Calendar – gathering information, finding new stores to sell the calendar, selling them yourself!
8. Volunteer for the Observer Corps; take responsibility for attending all the meetings of one local government board or commission for a year and complete a short form to report the activities for each meeting. Your report will be posted on our website.
9. Write publicity for a League event.
10. Offer to serve on the board or head a committee. Your voice is important to us.

We hope that you will be active and engaged in our efforts.

People to Know

Joanne Evers, *President*

Joanne keeps things running smoothly with the preparation of monthly meeting agendas, discussions and decisions that follow. She has the responsibility of being the official representative for our League. Joanne also serves as chair on the LWVIN Nominating Committee

KD Benson, *Vice President*

KD writes the letters to the editor that you see in the *Journal and Courier* and assists Joanne with responses to the media for information on the League's positions. She introduces all guests speakers at the This is Your Community Series.

Betty Doversberger, *Secretary*

Betty is responsible for recording and distributing the meeting minutes to the Board. In addition she completes needed correspondence for the League. She also serves on a state committee which monitors state elections by planning Tippecanoe County exit polling and poll workers surveys for use by the state League. (She always needs volunteers around election time.)

Sherry McLauchlan, *Treasurer*

Sherry maintains the financial records for the League and helps keep us within our budget. In addition she maintains records for the finance drive and works with the state regarding the Ed Fund.

Keeping informed about League Activities

Our local League's newsletter, the *Voter*, is published 2 or 3 times a year. If you have e-mail, the League will send short informative messages alerting you to upcoming events or our need for volunteers. Postcards are sent to remind members of special League events – candidates' forums, meetings we sponsor, the annual meeting, etc. Prior to our annual meeting you will receive a packet containing the list of all local League members, the proposed budget and positions for the next year, and a review of the year's activities.

As a member you will also receive a newsletter from the state League. The *Indiana State Voter* provides information on the State issues and activities, and overviews of what the other local Leagues are doing. On the LWVUS website, you may sign up to receive the Leader's Update from the National President, the e-Voice from the advocacy team in Washington or many issue related discussion groups.

The League has an important presence on the web. Checking the web sites often will keep you up to date.

- Our local League's web site is <http://leaguelfayette.org>, which has a Calendar of League events as well as information about what the League is and does.
- We also have a web site with information specifically for members of the League, at http://leaguelfayette.org/members_only.html. Here you can find the minutes of all Board meetings and the Annual Meeting, as well as news about events directed only to members.
- The League of Women Voters of Indiana (often referred to as LWVIN) has an excellent web site at <http://www.lwvin.org>, and the League of Women Voters web site at the national level is <http://www.lwv.org>.

Deb Schwarte, *Publicity and calendar*

Deb revises the League calendar for publication and communicates with the media to get the word out on upcoming forums and events.

Linda Cohen, *Voter Service Chair*

Linda coordinates our League's voter service events and programs. This includes candidate forums and voter registration.

Kathleen Anthrop-Bowman, *Membership*

As membership coordinator, Kathy revises membership brochures and program inserts for the community. In addition, she seeks out new members to join the League. Ask Kathy about the League.

Donna Giroux, *Member Support*

Donna maintains the member data base and all that entails. Any changes in your information (address, phone, e-mail, name change) should be sent to Donna.

Bill Evers, *Web Master*

Bill organizes and updates both the local public site and the member's only section of our web site.

Jean Andres and Winnie Adler, *Observer Corps*

Jean and Winnie organize and oversee members who are attending public meetings and serving as the eyes and ears of the League. Join the Observer Corps!

Monie Krueger, *Official's Directory*

Monie revises and prepares the official's directory for distribution to the community.

Marlee Posto, *Voter Editor*

Marlee formats and edits the *Voter* to bring up to date issues and information to the membership and prospective members.

Welcome to the League! Please get involved! Use the League email to volunteer.

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