



The Voter

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette, Indiana

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Come to the Annual Meeting on April 22

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette will be held on **Thursday, April 22 from 6:30-8:30PM at the Lilly Nature Center at the Celery Bog**. A light supper will be provided. Cost for the meal is \$10 and reservations are needed for ordering of the food. Please send in your reservation by April 18 to league@leaguelafayette.org.

At the meeting the members of the Observer Corps will report on the government agencies they have been observing. There will be a report on the activities of our League in the past year. We will hold elections of officers and directors, approve the budget for 2010-11, and approve the LWVGL program for the coming year. You will also have an opportunity to give direction to the Board.

Please put the date on your calendar and plan to join us at the Annual Meeting.
—Betty Doversberger

Monthly brown bag lunch series offers interesting speakers and great discussions

This is Your Community, the brown-bag lunch series sponsored by the LWVGL, is off to a great start. Members, guests and visitors are enjoying the variety of speakers Kathy Dale has lined up for the lunches that, as promised, begin at noon and end at 1:00 pm. There has been time for questions and good discussion on a variety of topics. There is still plenty of room for you to join us on the third Thursday and bring a friend. Beverages are provided.

Eileen Steele, Executive Director of the New Community School, shared the vision and successes of the school. Liz Solberg, board member of the Indiana Speed Rail Association gave us insight to the status of high speed rail Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. In addition, our League celebrated the 90th year of service to the community with a birthday cake.

Gary Lehman, President and CEO of Fairfield Manufacturing Co. Inc. and a member of the Commission on Higher Education, spoke about the state of higher education in Indiana. The fourteen member Commission is responsible for defining the

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This is Your Community Monthly brown bag lunch discussions *Open to all*

Third Thursday of the month, noon-1pm

Unitarian Universalist Church
333 Meridian Street, West Lafayette
(2 blocks west of Salisbury, near WLHS)

Apr 15 Veronique LeBlanc, Executive Director, Riggs Community Health Center

May 19 John Walling, President and CEO of North Central Health Services

June 17 TBA

Monthly brown bag lunch series,
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mission, planning and coordinating, reviewing the budget and approving or disapproving new programs.

According to Mr. Lehman, 65 percent of the state budget is for education. Commission efforts are being directed toward being sure students are prepared for higher education, can afford the education, and will complete the degree program on time.

Join us for the brown-bag lunch series. With over thirty people regularly attending, help in setting up and cleaning up is needed. Volunteer by contacting Peg Dunkle, 474-4479.

—Peg Dunkle

New study to be proposed at Annual Meeting

At the February program planning meeting, Mary Lempke proposed that our League study birthing choices with an eye towards having this topic eventually be adopted as a state position.

Members attending the meeting agreed that the topic is important but felt that if a new study was to be undertaken other issues more central to the League's focus (for example redistricting) would be a better choice.

Mary feels strongly that this is a matter of critical importance and will bring her birthing choice study proposal to the annual meeting as a non-recommended item.

At the meeting the majority of the members present must vote to discuss this topic. If discussion is approved by the majority of members present, a two-thirds vote is required following discussion to approve the addition of a new study to our local program.

If you would be willing to serve on a birthing choice study committee or would like more information on the topic, contact Mary at relempke@verizon.net.

—Betty Doversberger

Local Government Study Committee has been busy!

Members received quite a briefing on township government on March 9—from its history to possible future concerns. Topics included trustee terms in office and services provided, township financial reports, fire protection and emergency services, general assistance (poor relief), the rules and laws guiding township services, and proposed changes in laws relating to townships in the current legislative session.

It was a lot to cover, and there was not enough time to get a lot of feedback from attendees. Those who were at the meeting are invited to send any further comments they might have to Jean Andres at andres1003@comcast.net.

The committee is looking to formulate consensus questions based on what changes could be made locally in Tippecanoe County to improve our township trustee procedures and services.

The Local Government Study Committee will move forward throughout 2010, looking more closely at public safety and public libraries.

—Jean Andres

YWCA NETWORK LUNCHEON SERIES

Women and the Law—April 26

On Monday, April 26, the YWCA in partnership with our League will present a program on “Women and the Law” as part of the Network Luncheon Series. Ann Ginda, attorney with Indiana Legal Services Inc. and Sybil Sharvelle, attorney with Truitt, Ray & Sharvelle, LLP, will explore changes in family law that have impacted women's lives over the past 25 years as well as family and elder law issues such as long-term care and estate planning. The luncheon is at the YWCA, 605 N. 6th St. in Lafayette, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost of the luncheon is \$12. Reservations are required and must be pre-paid by noon on Friday, April 23. To reserve by mail, enclose a check noting that it is for the April 26 luncheon. Include your name, address, phone number and email (if applicable) and send to: YWCA, 605 N. 6th St., Lafayette, IN 47901. To reserve by phone with a credit card, call 765-742-0075.

League members are encouraged to attend this program that will touch on many League issues. From its inception ninety years ago, the League of Women Voters has worked for equal rights and social reforms and was one of the first organizations to address such issues as child welfare, maternal and child health programs, child labor protection and laws that discriminated against women.

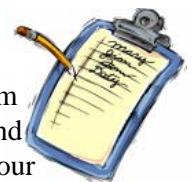
—Winnie Adler

The census is important for our county

By now, you should have received your 2010 Census form in the mail. If you haven't already sent it in, please fill it out and mail it back to the Census Bureau. Your response could make our County eligible for \$4,000 a year in federal grants for community services.

As you talk to your friends, remind them that their response to the Census is worth \$40,000 to Tippecanoe County over the next 10 years.

—Betty Doversberger



The League Letter is published bi-monthly. The editor is Kaye McSpadden. Please send your articles to kaye7m@aol.com.

Contributions support League activities

We are grateful to all the individuals who have supported the activities of the League through their generous contributions. **Please consider giving the League a birthday gift in honor of the courageous suffragettes.** They not only gained the right to vote for women, but they started the League on the vital work of making democracy work.

Many thanks to the following people who have contributed to the 2009-2010 fund drive of the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette.



—Betty Doversberger

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Welcome to our new members

We have been delighted to welcome ten new members to the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette since our annual meeting in April 2009. We hope to see all of you often at our meetings and look forward to getting to know you better. New members who have joined during the past year are:

Phyllis Bryant
Katy Bunder
Anna Margaret Dale
Linda Eales
Verna Emery
Roberta Gellis
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Karen Griggs
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Margaret E. Rogler

Longtime local League member, Margaret Rogler died on February 8, 2010. She was 80 years old, and had been a League member for more than 44 years. She was an RN, and retired from the Tippecanoe County Visiting Nurses Association. Margaret had been a local board member, served on study committees and was a top seller of our Community Calendar for many years. She was also a CASA advocate. Margaret will be missed by her many League of Women Voters friends.

—Cathy Potter

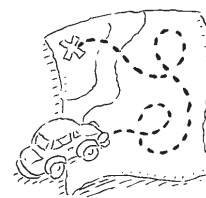
Terry Wood

Terry Wood, who died in January at the age of 67, had been a member of the League of Women Voters here in Greater Lafayette since the early 90s. Terry served in many capacities, including on the Board and as program chair. She also participated on the Juvenile Justice Committee where her expertise as a math education professor helped to keep us focused on the need to teach, in our communications, in our forum, and in our handouts. We will remember her as someone on whom you could count if something needed to be done.

—Patsy Hoyer

State Council to meet in Terre Haute

The League of Women Voters of Indiana will hold its State Council on April 30 – May 1 at the Candlewood Suites in Terre Haute. Watch the LWVIN website at www.lwvin.org for more information as we get closer to that date.



**State League
sponsoring trip
to Seneca Falls
in August**

See insert for details!



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- **Apr 15**—*This is Your Community* Brown Bag Lunch Discussion, noon
- **Apr 22**—Annual Meeting, 6:30PM, Lilly Nature Center
- **Apr 26**—*Women & the Law*, YWCA Network Luncheon, 11:45AM
- **Apr 30-May 1**—State Council, Terre Haute
- **May 19**—*This is Your Community* Brown Bag Lunch Discussion, noon
- **June 17**—*This is Your Community* Brown Bag Lunch, noon
- **August 26-29**—Trip to Seneca Falls, New York

Join the League

YES, I want to be a member of the League of Women Voters!

- \$50 1-year individual membership
- \$75 1-year household membership
- \$25 student membership
- I'm enclosing an additional contribution of \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please make checks payable and mail to:

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Membership in the local league includes membership in the state and national League of Women Voters.

Thank you!



Check out the League's website! You can read the League's newsletter, find lots of information, and discover great resources— <http://leaguelafayette.org>

Road Trip to Seneca Falls, New York

Join with other League members from around the state and celebrate Women's Equality Day by visiting the birthplace of the modern women's movement

August 26-29, 2010

Sponsored by the LWV of Indiana

Cost: about \$300 plus meals

****The trip is limited to first 24 registrants****

(A waiting list will be kept)

Highlights of the trip will include:

- Women's Rights National Historical Park-Seneca Falls
- Wesleyan Chapel-Site of 1848 Women's Rights Convention
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Home
- National Women's Hall of Fame
- Susan B. Anthony's home-Rochester, NY



The first women's rights convention was held in 1848 at Seneca Falls, New York. More than 300 women and men attended, including Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Frederick Douglass.

LWV of Indiana Trip to Seneca Falls: early registration

Name _____

Tel _____ E-mail _____

Street _____

City _____

Local League _____

NOTE:

We need two additional vehicles for the trip (drivers will receive financial compensation).

Can you provide provide: car? _____ or van? _____

If so, how many can your vehicle comfortably carry? _____

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