



*Upcoming League
Events:*

Lunch with LWV

May 21st, 2010

June 18th, 2010

July 16th, 2010

August 20th, 2010

Noon to 1:00 pm

LWV 90th

Anniversary

Picnic

May 22nd, 2010

Garfield Park,

Shelter 2

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Member Event:

City-County

Building Tour

June 25th, 2010

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Message from the President

Although the summer is often when we “slow down” on League work, there is still a great deal we can do in an effort to prepare for the fall election cycle. We all know the fall will be a busy time for us with voter registration requests, candidate forums, and other election-related work such as updating the *Directory of Government Officials*. In anticipation of all this, I hope you will contact Jeanne Luke, Voter Service Chair, with your preferences for League work. (A more detailed list of preferences is on page 5.)

We can also use this summer to better position ourselves in terms of voter education, service, and advocacy by dovetailing the current LWVIN study on local government reform with a renewed examination of Indianapolis’ unique government structure, Unigov. While not suggesting a new study of Unigov, the LWV-Indianapolis does plan to place an educational emphasis on Unigov for the summer so that 1) We are positioned to update and re-publish the *Unigov Handbook* in 2011 and 2) We are able to more effectively educate ourselves and the public on Indianapolis’ local government structure during and after the LWVIN local government study.

Opportunities also exist to help with the Web site and League finances. Your assistance is needed in these areas too. But let’s also remember to have some fun. We have a fantastic LWV picnic planned for our 90th anniversary this May. Please RSVP and plan to attend ... and bring a friend to introduce to the League!

The next several months have the promise of being very active and your support is needed to make it all possible!

Best Wishes,

LWV-Indianapolis

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www.lwvindy.org

The League of Women Voters is a time-tested nonpartisan, nonprofit, volunteer political organization, dedicated to promoting active and informed participation in government—from the school district to the nation, and from voter registration to public service. Although LWV sometimes advocates for or against issues, it never supports or opposes particular candidates.

Upcoming League Events

Lunch with LWV

Purpose: To inform us as citizens and voters

Place: Double Eagle Café—Scottish Rite Cathedral

650 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis

Date: 3rd Fridays of the Month

Time: **12 NOON – 1 PM**

Parking: Free in the lot west of the building, accessed from North Street

Plan: Come through the cafeteria line any time after 11:30, buy your meal, and join us in the Truman Room to eat, listen, and discuss. Invite a friend, and join us!

Next Lunch:

May 21st, 2010: Our speaker in May will be Chris Cotterill, Chief of Staff for Mayor Ballard.

Future Dates:

June 18, July 16 and August 20th. Speakers will be announced. Check **www.LWVIndy.org**.

Lunch with League Recap:

Bill Groth, attorney for the League's Voter ID case gave us an update of the lawsuit and recent State Supreme Court appearance at the April 16th Lunch with League. He also presented information from his research on women's voting rights in Indiana.

Member Event: City-County Building Tour

Our February tour of the City-County Building in February was postponed due to weather. We have rescheduled for Friday, June 25th. Located at 200 East Washington Street the City-County Building is the central hub for many of our local government offices. The tour, which will last approximately 1 ½ hours is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will meet at the information desk in the lobby of the city-county building. While learning about the various offices located in the building we will also concentrate on areas that are of interest to us as constituents including the City-County Council office, Mayor's Action Center, public meeting rooms and the courts. The tour will also include a visit to the Observatory and the Mayor's Office.

Space is limited so please reserve your spot by June 23rd by contacting Sandra Mowell, Membership Chair at membershiplwvindianapolis@hotmail.com or leave a message at LWV voicemail: (317) 767-4187.



90th Anniversary Celebration Picnic



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of Indianapolis

90 years devoted to promoting the active, informed participation of citizens in government

Saturday, May 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Garfield Park, Shelter 2

11:30 - 1:00 Check-in and Scavenger Hunt

12:00 - 1:00 Fully catered lunch by MBP Distinctive Catering

--chicken breast, hamburgers, jumbo hot dogs, veggie burgers*, baked beans, devilled eggs, potato salad, fruit, cookies--

Music by Gamblin' Christmas

1:15 - 2:00 Informational meeting on LWV &

Member feedback on polling place issues from May 4th primaries

1:15 - 2:00 Games for friends and family

2:00 - 2:30 Prizes and wrap up

Everyone is invited to attend!

Many of the picnic activities are free but tickets will be required for lunch.

Tickets are free for LWV members (2 per member) and \$5.00 per person for guests. All tickets must be reserved by May 15th through one of the following methods:

Tickets may be obtained by visiting our website at www.lwvindy.org and clicking the links to the picnic RSVP area. Requests for tickets may also be made in writing to LWV, 3808 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208. All requests must include contact information, ages of children in party, and any requests for the veggie burger option with lunch. Include a check made payable to LWV of Indianapolis for guest tickets. All requests must be received by May 15th. For any additional information please leave your name and contact number on our voicemail at (317) 767-4187.*



LWV Annual Meeting

The *Bulletin* deadline fell shortly before the Annual Meeting and a summary could not be included at this time. However, if you did not attend the meeting, you are encouraged to go to the Web site (www.lwvindy.org) and download a copy of the Annual Meeting Report that was distributed to those in attendance. Just look under the headlines section on the home page.

Did you Know?

Indianapolis Council of Women--Marietta Pesel

A few years ago the League of Women Voters joined the Indianapolis Council of Women, which is many organizations meeting together and sharing information on the service and purpose of their individual organizations as well as to publicize activities and possibly offer support. Dues are \$10 a year for the LWV of Indianapolis and all members of the League are welcome to attend ICW monthly meetings which occur on the 1st Tuesday of the month (October through May, skipping January). Most meetings consist of a short overview of the member organizations plus a morning and afternoon program on various subjects. Usually a delicious luncheon is held (\$19 includes entrée, drink, dessert, salad or soup, tax and tip). Most meetings are at Highland Golf and Country Club on W. 52nd Street from 10a.m. to 2 or 2:30p.m. Reservations are needed by the Thursday before the 1st Tuesday of the next month. To make reservations, call 244-8357 or 291-5211. The Council of Women was formed in 1892 by May Wright Sewell.

\$90 for 90 Campaign

In honor of the Indianapolis League of Women Voters' 90th anniversary in 2010, please consider a gift of \$90 (or more) this year. You can make one \$90 gift, or you can make a pledge and pay it off during the year--it's just \$7.50/month!

Also, please consider marking our 90th anniversary by leaving a legacy of your own with a bequest to the Indianapolis League of Women Voters. Here's some sample language you can use to make an unrestricted gift to the League:

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Indianapolis League of Women Voters, a not-for-profit organization located in Indianapolis, Indiana, \$_____00 (specific amount) OR _____ percent (%) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate as an unrestricted gift to be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis League of Women Voters for the general purposes of the Indianapolis League of Women Voters, located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

If you have already included the League in your estate plans, THANK YOU! We would like to recognize your generosity if you would like to inform us of your plans.

Volunteer News

Volunteer Opportunities

There are always opportunities to help with League work! Contact any of the board members below via the contact us web page.

- 90th Anniversary. The League is planning a 90th Anniversary Picnic at Garfield Park on May 22 and your help is needed! Join the party early and help make our celebration success. Contact Sandra Mowell to help make this event a success.
- Web Committee. If you're interested in discussing new ways the LWV of Indianapolis can make its Website more accessible and useful, please contact Carol Fowler for more information.
- Finance Committee. The board seeks League members who are comfortable discussing finances to help guide our investments. We're currently in communication with a financial advisor who is willing to donate some time, but need knowledgeable leaders who can assist with these conversations. Contact Erin Kelley if interested.
- Voter Service & Education. Let Jeanne Luke, Voter Service Chair, know what kind of work we might call upon you to do when opportunities arise this fall.

Voter Service

Voter Service. This is why we are all really in League right?! Let's prepare early for the November elections. Please contact Jeanne Luke to indicate your interest level in assisting with voter service and education work this fall. We would like to compile a list this of Leaguers interested in being involved and need to know what your specific interests are!

PLEASE take the time to contact Jeanne if you want to be involved – don't assume we already know. Let her know all the areas we can contact you about ...

Candidate Forums (general assistance & hosting duties)

Registering Voters

Staffing an Info Table

Directory of Gov't Officials (verifying offices & contact info)

Unigov Handbook (review and/or editing of content)

**Do you have a submission for the *Bulletin*? Send them to the editor,
Carol Fowler, at communications@lwvindy.org.**

A Tribute to Lettie Oliver

Lettie Oliver, member of the League of Women Voters, passed away suddenly March 1, 2010. Lettie was an advocate for working families. She struggled for justice through her work in many labor groups. She was the president of the Central Indiana Labor Council and associate director of AFSME Indiana Council. Lettie was a well known figure in the Statehouse as she organized and worked with the legislature to help push for state laws to ensure equal pay for the same jobs, fighting traditions of paying less to women and minorities.

Lettie was a member of the Warren Township advisory board and a candidate for the Indiana Senate in 2010. She will be missed by her five children and nine grandchildren.

Many years ago I asked Lettie to join the League and she encouraged her associates to join the league. Recently, she talked about coming to our luncheon. She would have been a great speaker on justice as she was walked the talk for equity for all people. ----- Phyllis Nieske

Member Profiles

Karen Rutherford joined LWV of Indianapolis last summer. She has spent most of her life in Atlanta, Georgia but also lived in Memphis, Tennessee. She relocated to Indianapolis in 2002. She has a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Park University and currently works as a contract technical writer. Karen has one son who is in his third year at IU-Bloomington majoring in Biology. A friend encouraged her to join LWV and she was attracted to the organization's philosophy emphasizing the education of citizens. Karen is helping to maintain our new website, www.lwvindy.org, and is a huge help in keeping it current.

Vada Kim grew up in Chicago and relocated to Indianapolis in 1975. She has three grown kids, two who live in Zionsville, and four grandchildren. She enjoys gardening and has volunteered with a number of gardening groups over the years. Vada has found Indianapolis to be a very welcoming community and became involved in the League after being invited to a program by a friend. The subject for the program was education, a subject she is very passionate about and she joined LWV around 1995. One aspect of LWV programs Vada enjoys is the chance to meet and converse with the many members and guests in attendance.

Puzzling with LWV-- Our Daughters' Daughters Will Adore Us

One of our own very talented members came up with this word puzzle to honor our 90th Anniversary. So put your thinking cap on and give it a try! The solution will be provided at our picnic and then on our website.

1P	2O	3R		4X	5H	6L	7V	8P	9S	10N	11T		12M	13C	14F		15A	16G	17W	18E	19J	20D	
21Z	22K	23V	24I	25Q		26H	27O		28K	29T	30G	31O		32J	33Z	34S	35M	36R	37U		38C	39Y	40X
41V		42W	43H	44B	45N		46M	47H	48U	49D	50G	51P	52K		53Y	54E	55O	56C	57A		58R	59N	60M
61G	62U	63Q		64V	65C	66I	67Z		68B	69Y	70S	71J		72P	73F	74J	75E	76L	77R	78X	79V	80O	81M
	82G	83O	84P	85W	86L		87U	88G	89Y	90X	91R	92O	93J	94Z	95A		96U	97T	98V	99L	100A	101O	
102F	103P	104Z	105T	106X	107E	108D	109H		110V	111M	112U	113J	114N	115L	116E		117B	118R	119H	120X	121E	122L	123O
	124W	125Q	126O	127K	128Z	129D	130P	131G		132D	133Y	134L		135M	136K	137C	138X		139I	140J	141L	142S	
143P	144U		145X	146F	147J	148E		149Q	150B	151D		152Z	153V	154G	155L	156O	157X		158Z	159T		160S	161J
162P	163W	164F	165O	166C		167K	168W	169N	170G	171B	172R	173U	174A										

Answer the clues on the numbered dashes, one letter per dash. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to reveal a quotation reading from left to right. (Shaded squares separate words.) When you're done, read down the list of answers; their initial letters spell the source of the quotation.

- A. Showtime original series
 15 174 100 95 57

- B. Style of abstract painting (2 wds.)
 150 117 44 171 68

- C. Female Relative
 38 13 166 65 137 56

- D. Spring holiday
 49 132 20 129 108 151

- E. Goaded
 107 18 75 116 148 54 121

- F. Musical theater
 164 102 73 14 146

- G. QB wants to get one (2 wds.)
 170 61 154 88 30 131 16 82 50

- H. Sewing material
 26 43 119 47 5 109

- I. Opposite of gee
 24 66 139

- J. Bubbly
 140 113 161 32 93 147 71 19 74

K. Undershirt	167	127	22	136	28	52						
L. Impair purposely	99	141	134	115	76	6	155	86	122			
M. Some cakes	12	60	111	46	35	135	81					
N. Molds, mildews, mushrooms	169	59	45	10	114							
O. City in California	165	31	123	27	156	101	83	92	80	55	126	2
P. Tried	8	143	51	103	84	162	1	130	72			
Q. Present	63	125	149	25								
R. Soy beans	3	58	172	91	118	77	36					
S. Sprays	70	9	160	142	34							
T. Constellation containing Rigel	29	97	105	159	11							
U. Wanderer	48	96	173	87	112	144	62	37				
V. Vegetable in the nightshade family	41	98	23	7	110	153	79	64				
W. Henson creation	17	168	124	163	85	42						
X. Author of "Fear of Flying"	90	40	78	4	120	145	106	138	157			
Y. Clamorous	133	39	69	89	53							
Z. Torn	158	33	104	67	94	21	128	152				

LWV Indianapolis Membership Form—Have you Renewed?

Joining the League of Women Voters

Yes, I would like to become a member of the League of Women Voters for an annual fee of \$50.00.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

My annual dues of \$50.00 are enclosed.

I am a new member. Yes _____ No _____ I am a renewing member. Yes _____ No _____

(All members receive the *Bulletin* several times a year as well as other League literature and information.)

Scholarships/reduced dues are available for student memberships please contact the League.

Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$ _____ to help the League of Women Voters make a positive impact on voting, citizenship and democracy. Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$ _____ to help provide student member scholarships.

Date: _____

Below is the name and address/phone number of a prospective League member.

I expect to be an active member _____, an occasional participant _____ or a supporter _____.

I would like to be contacted to assist with (*circle all preferences*):

Education

Health & Welfare

Natural Resources

Public Transit

Voter Service

Women's Issues

Local Government Reform

Other/Special

From:

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Forwarding and Address Correction

Requested

TO: