



Upcoming LWV Events

Lunch with LWV

August 20th, 2010

September 17th, 2010

October 15th, 2010

90th Anniversary Women's Sufferage Celebration

August 26th 7-9pm

Propylaeum
1401 N. Deleware

LWV Meet the Candidate Forums (all 7-9pm)

September 7th, 2010

September 9th, 2010

September 16th, 2010

September 21st, 2010

September 23rd, 2010

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Message from the President

World Wrestling matches? Junior League receptions? Historic reenactments? Defense Finance and Accounting Services meetings?

If it sounds weird and random, then it must be election season and the League of Women Voters is in high demand. Over the past several weeks we have been asked to register voters or participate in other voter service efforts at a wide variety of happenings across the city. In the coming weeks I'm sure we'll receive even more requests to do what the League does best: Provide potential voters with the resources they need to be involved in the democratic process.

In this edition of *The Bulletin* you will find specifics on some of the voter service opportunities available this season. More opportunities are on the way and I sincerely hope you will make a commitment to share a few hours of your time this fall to help with League work.

Remember, as an LWV member, you are a part of an organization where smart, active leaders work to create change in their communities!

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Kelley".

P.S. It's membership renewal time! Remember to renew your membership by August 26.

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

Monthly LWV-Indianapolis Board Meetings

First Wednesday of every month, 7p.m.

North United Methodist Church (3808 N. Meridian Street)

All League members are welcome to attend! In fact, please do come to a meeting to learn more about the League and how you can be more involved.

Lunch with League

Friday, August 20

12noon – 1p.m. (speaker); 1 – 2p.m. (info sharing)

Scottish Rite Cathedral, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian St.

Participate in this monthly lunchtime series so that you will be the most informed you can be about local and city politics. Our August speaker is Marion County Clerk Beth White. Among other issues, she will discuss current efforts to bring satellite voting back to Marion County. Following Clerk White's presentation, you will be given a chance to collect voter service training materials, ask questions, and sign up for voter service opportunities. Attend one or both halves of this program. Whatever fits your schedule!

Mark your calendars for the next Lunches with League on September 17, October 15, speakers to be announced.

90th Anniversary Women's Suffrage Celebration

Thursday, August 26 (Women's Equality Day!)

7 – 9p.m.

Propylaeum

1410 N. Delaware

In this 90th anniversary women's suffrage celebration, presented by the Indiana Women's History Association with support from the LWV-Indianapolis, three generations of Indiana suffragists (as portrayed by historic interpreters) will share their stories of challenges and triumphs while fighting for not only suffrage, but also the abolition of slavery and prohibition. FREE but limited seating.

LWVIN Updates

The League of Women Voters of Indiana has been quite active recently! Here's what you need to know about your state League:

LWVIN 90th Anniversary Celebration

On September 25, at the historic Indianapolis Athenaeum, the LWVIN is having a daytime celebration to which we are all invited! All Leaguers are welcome, especially previous board members. Some of those individuals now are frail enough that they can only attend with our help. Would you consider gathering a carload of League enthusiasts, including offering a ride to one of your retired leaders?

Here are the event details:

Date: Saturday 25 September 2010

Hours: 12 noon to 3 P.M.

Place: Indianapolis Athenaeum, upper ballroom

Address: 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Cost: \$22.00 (for lunch, program, and parking – form enclosed)

Deadline: September 13 (see registration form)

Parking: East of Athenaeum, street-level, gated lot

Note: East Michigan Street traffic goes one-way west. Therefore, you reach the parking lot *before* the Athenaeum building.

Access: Elevator from the ground floor entry to the upper ballroom floor

RSVP

LWVIN 90th Anniversary Celebration

September 25, 2010 – Noon to 3:00 P.M.

The Historic Athenaeum, 401 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Please RSVP by September 13, 2010, mail to:

LWV of Indiana

445 N Pennsylvania St. #910

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Yes, I will attend the anniversary celebration.

Enclosed is the \$22.00 registration fee made out to LWVIN.

_____ No, I will not be able to attend the celebration.

But I want to help, so enclosed is a donation for LWVIN or LWVIEF (tax deductible).

_____ I will need transportation or other assistance to attend.

Please call or email me at _____ to make arrangements.

Help Us Preserve the History of the League Leaders of Indiana (OPTIONAL):

Please share comments about your experience in the League of Women Voters, such as where and when you joined the League; favorite issues or activities; political office held; words of wisdom for the next generation of League members, etc.

Regional Workshops:

Saturday, August 14 OR Saturday, September 11

Ivy Tech Life Sciences Center, Bloomington OR IU-Kokomo

10a.m. – 2p.m.

\$25 (includes lunch)

Every member is welcome to attend and a limited amount of funding exists to cover the expenses of a couple of Leaguers. These workshops provide an opportunity to learn about and to discuss our local concerns. In particular, there will be a focus on environmental stewardship, township governance, LWV membership, local League meetings, the tax-cap referendum, and fund-raising. Contact Erin Kelley at president@lwvindy.org to learn more!

State Council at Terre Haute

Delegates to the Council adopted a budget and elected the following officers: Barb Phelps and Kimber Sorenson-Brugh of LWV-South Bend Area, Elizabeth Doversberger of Greater Lafayette, and Amy Olson of LWV-Indianapolis are new Directors on the LWVIN Board.

Post-Council appointments included Betty Doversberger (LaPorte Co.) as chair to the Election Reform Committee with Jeanette Neagu also serving on the committee. The Investment & Development Committee will be headed by Sheryl Monnier (Anderson) for the remainder of the 2010-11 term since Bonnie Orvick recently moved out of state.

Indiana Debate Commission

The LWVIN will contribute \$1,000.00 to the Indiana Debate Commission from its Education Fund. Each televised statewide debate costs about \$5,000.00 in addition to the various in-kind contributions of professionals and institutions. The LWVIN is represented by Indianapolis League member Deb Lawrence. Please refer to their website, www.indianadebatecommission.com for information on upcoming debates.

New Leagues Forming!

The Ft. Wayne Area has a League! The Board recommended to LWVUS full recognition of the League of Women Voters of the Fort Wayne Area (LWVFW). We are pleased to welcome them to our midst, and you are invited to visit their web site at <http://lwvfw.org/>.

Additionally, Howard County has a Member-at-Large Unit and by this time next year LWVIN hopes to be recognizing the Howard County League. The group already has held several local programs and wants to invite Indianapolis Leaguers to their next event on September 13 at the Taylor Township Community Building (3885 East 300 South) at 6p.m. The speaker, Dr. Larry DeBoer from Purdue University, Department of Agricultural Economics, will talk about the Tax Cap Amendment which will be on the November Ballot. Dr. DeBoer spoke at LWVIN Council and he makes this very complicated subject easy to understand.

2010 LWV Meet the Candidates Forums

All Forums will be 7-9pm

Sept 7th

Washington Park East, 10612 E Washington St phone: 898-6611

Districts- House 89, 95, 96 & 98

Sept 9th

Washington Park North, 2702 Kessler Blvd W Dr phone: 259-1253

Districts –House 86, 87 & 88; Senate31

Sept 16th

Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center Speedway, 2950 N High School Rd 387-7020

Districts – House 92 & 94; Senate 29

Sept 21st

Indiana Historical Society, 450 W Ohio St

Districts – House 97, 99, & 100

Sept 23rd

Perry Township Government Center, 4925 Shelby St

Districts – House 25, 90, 91 & 93

Channel 16 will be recording the forums for broadcast during the election season.

2010-2011 Dues Renewal Time

At the 2009 Annual Meeting, LWV-Indianapolis members voted to change to a single-date membership renewal. That date is Women's Equality Day, 26 August!

There is an “*” on your mailing label if we had not received your renewal by August 13th. We hope you'll soon renew your dues for the League Year 2010 – 2011.

The dues amounts have not changed. Please send \$50 for individual membership; \$75 for household membership (more than one member at the same address); \$25 for student membership.

As you may know, after state and national PMP (per-member payments), LWV-Indianapolis will keep only about \$8 of each person's \$50.00 dues – not enough to print and mail newsletters, much less to rent meeting rooms and send delegates to Council or Convention. Please consider including an additional donation with your dues to help cover our activities. We appreciate this support and thank each of the donors.

Volunteer News

Volunteer Opportunities

League volunteers are needed for the following voter service opportunities. Please contact Jeanne Luke ASAP at voterservice@lwvindy.org to help the LWV fill the following voter service requests.

August 26 – Women’s suffrage and League history presentation for the Defense Finance and Accounting Services’ “Federal Women’s Program” group. FILLED. (Thanks Tracy & Deb!)

September 7, 9, 16, 21, & 23 –Indiana State Senate and House Candidate Forums. See page 6 for dates, locations and districts for each forum. Four to six volunteers are needed for each. Time watchers, Q&A cards, greeters, and moderator duties are available.

September 14 – Voter service presentation and information table at Second Presbyterian Church (7700 N. Meridian Street) at 7p.m. Junior League meeting. Two to three volunteers are needed. At least one person needs to speak for approximately 20 minutes on “voting basics.” Distributing LWV voter service materials and registering voters is also needed.

September 20 – Voter Registration at Conseco Fieldhouse at 5:30p.m. World Wrestling Entertainment event. Two additional volunteers are needed to set up a table before the “main event” to distribute voter education materials and register voters. Estimated time commitment: 90 minutes.

November 2 – ELECTION DAY! If you are working as a poll workers or observer on Election Day, please visit the LWV-Indianapolis Web site at www.lwvindy.org to download a survey LWVIN has asked Leaguers to complete. This data will be professionally analyzed and used by the League to help County Clerks better conduct elections in Indiana.

Volunteer THANKS!

Thanks to all those who have recently volunteered their time and talents. Your hard work is deeply appreciated.

- Annual Meeting Committees and Planning: Vada Kim, Deb Lawrence, Nancy Smith, Marietta Pesel, Ada Shaum, Karen Kay Leonard, Carol Fowler, and Erin Kelley
- 90th Anniversary Picnic Organizer: Sandra Mowell
- 90th Anniversary Picnic Assistants: Karen Rutherford, Carol Fowler, Jeanne Luke, Ada Shaum, Erin Kelley, and Karen Kay Leonard
- Lunch with League: Phyllis Nieske and Gin Harrison
- Treasurer Training & Investment/Bank Research: Marietta Pesel and Amy Olson
- City County Building Tour Organizer: Sandra Mowell
- Moroccan Delegation Visit with International Center of Indianapolis: Tracy Heaton deMartinez and Erin Kelley
- Voter Service Reminder Calls: Jeanne Luke
- Women’s Suffrage Event Planning at Propylaeum: Madelyn Sundquist
- Web Updates: Karen Rutherford

Membership News

Report on National Convention

by Sandra Mowell

League of Women Voters National Convention was held in Atlanta, Georgia June 11th through 15th. I was able to attend as the delegate for the LWV of Indianapolis League. This was my first experience at our national event and it was a very busy few days. They were filled with caucuses, informational sessions, workshops, and plenary sessions. There was a lot to accomplish but we also had time to meet many new friends and see a tiny bit of Atlanta. There were some very interesting speakers including Congressman John Lewis and Kathleen Sebelius, US Secretary of Health and Human Services.

One of the highlights was the “Panel of Former LWVUS Presidents” and the session was recorded and is available on the LWVUS website (www.LWV.org). I highly recommend taking the time to watch this panel, made up of incredible women doing inspiring things, if you get the chance.

One of the events held at every convention is a “Dine-Around Evening” organized by the hosting city League. There are outings organized to 20 or so local restaurants and is a chance to get out of the hotel, sample some local fair and exchange ideas. It is totally a matter of taste as to which restaurant to sign up for and you never know who you will be sharing dinner with. I met some great League members from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Nebraska.

Two studies were authorized by the delegation and they involve the Federal Role in Public Education and Privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services and assets to the private sector. While it will take National some time to get these studies underway, members interested in either of these topics should start familiarizing themselves with a wealth of background information already available.

Materials for “Streamlined, Community Based and Vibrant: The League Simplified to Meet 100 Years of Making Democracy Work!” a workshop conducted at the convention, are available on the LWVUS website and are well worth a look.

Thanks to LWV of Indianapolis for the opportunity to represent you at this important event. It was quite an experience!

Membership Recruitment Initiative (MRI)

On July 12, LWV-Indy joined seven other local Leagues for Indiana's Membership Recruitment and Leadership Training Session. Jeanne Luke, Karen Kay Leonard, and Kendra Clauser attended the workshop hosted by Cass County LWV in Logansport. The Membership Recruitment Initiative program promotes local league growth and leadership development. During the daylong session, MRI Coaches Sandra Mowell and Gail Pebworth shared outreach and leadership development strategies. Participants then brainstormed ideas for implementing the MRI techniques for their local Leagues. Activities included proposing partnerships with local organizations and expanding media outreach through traditional and non-traditional outlets, including social media options. Based on the ideas generated during the day, each League composed a work plan for incorporating MRI tactics into their local League activities during the next year. The Indy League teamwork plan suggests partnering with local universities, museums, and libraries for projects and events and investigating media connections with Nuvo, The Recorder, and Spanish language newspapers. Gail Pebworth is the MRI coach for the Indy team and will provide support throughout LWV-Indpls first year in the MRI program.

\$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.

LWV-Indianapolis Membership Renewal Form

Due August 26, 2010

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country is open to men and women of all ages. Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Memberships made directly through the local LWV-Indianapolis confers membership to the state (LWVIN) and national (LWVUS) organizations as well.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date _____

Annual Dues: _____ \$50 (Individual)

_____ \$75 (Household membership, two residing at same address)

Please make membership checks out to "LWV-Indianapolis."

Yes, I would like to make an additional donation to the LWV-Indianapolis.

- I am making a non-tax deductible gift in the amount of _____ to the LWV-Indianapolis.
- I am making a tax deductible gift in the amount of _____ to the LWV-Indianapolis Education Fund (Tax deductible contributions must be paid with a separate check from membership dues and made out to the LWV Indianapolis Education Fund.)

Which THREE topics interest you the most? (Check three.) Education____, Natural Resources____, Voter Service____, Local Government Reform____, Health & Welfare____, Public Transit____, Women's Issues____, Other/Special Interest ____

May we call on you for any of the following? (Check all that apply) Contacting Members____, Publicizing LWV Activities (PR)____, Tracking/Writing about an Issue____, Serving on the Board of Directors____, Observing Public Meetings____, Registering Voters____, Web site____

Return to:
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