



# The League Letter

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

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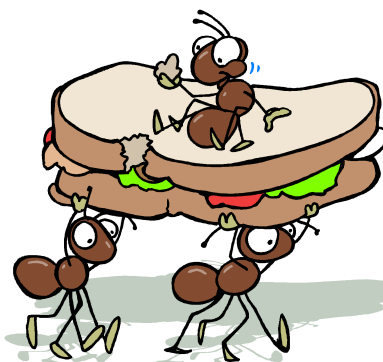
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**2008 Annual Picnic**  
**Saturday, August 23, 11:30AM**  
**Happy Hollow Park, Shelter #2**

Cold bottled water, paper goods, plastic tableware and tablecloths will be provided. Members should bring a dish to share. Program: Update on Wabash River Development and a report on the LWVUS Convention. Come, bring interested friends and find out what's happening in the League. If the 2008-2009 Community Calendars are ready, members can pick them up at this event.

### Water, Water Everywhere—learn more!

Water, we take it for granted but how much do we know about it? On July 29 at 7pm in the West Lafayette Library Dr. Jane Frankenberger will discuss water quality in our county. Since 100% of Tippecanoe County's drinking water comes from wells, she will focus on groundwater. There will be



some discussion of surface water—rivers and streams—and the pollutants found in these bodies as well as measures that can be used to control pollution.

Jane is a professor in the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department at Purdue. She is responsible for the extension service's program in soil and water engineering and water management and has led numerous projects working with communities and public water supply systems throughout Indiana to develop source water protection strategies and manage drinking water quality. (She is also a League member and serves on our board of directors!)

Having a July meeting is a first for us, so we hope that many members will come. We are counting on you all to spread the word about this informative meeting so that interested people from throughout the area will attend.

—Jean Andres

**Water Quality in the  
Greater Lafayette Area**  
**Tuesday July 29**  
**7:00-8:30pm**  
West Lafayette Public  
Library



**Deadline for award nominations—Aug. 1! See pg. 2**

## Voter service rolls along

Our League is in the election year groove, looking for ways to inform and encourage potential voters. This is what is planned to date:

- Leaguers were on hand at the HAPA (Health Access Privacy Alliance) booth at the 4-H Fair to help register voters and provide information about vote centers and the Voter ID requirement.
- For the first time, on August 29 members will be at the naturalization ceremony that kicks off Global Fest. Betty Doversberger, Donna Giroux and Mida Grover will join me to celebrate the naturalization of about 100 new U.S. citizens providing them with election information and giving them a chance to register to vote.
- Don't miss our League's program at the YWCA's Network Luncheon Series on September 8. We will offer attendees ways they can locate information about candidates local, state and national—where they stand, what they have said, and who is funding their campaigns. If you have a favorite source of non-partisan candidate information, send it to me.
- September 15 at 7pm in Morton Center we will cosponsor a forum with WALLA featuring candidates for the state legislature. Our League is responsible for providing some workers—a timer to assist Ruth Dowden, a couple of question sorters and a greeter or two. Please let me know if you can help out.

There will be other activities planned and I will contact members for help via e-mail and in the League Letter. Your help is critical for the success of these very important events. Our democracy needs informed and active citizens. You are needed to help make that happen!

—Jean Andres, 449-7041

## HAPA to sponsor Prevention First booth at Tippecanoe County Fair

Member organizations of HAPA (Health Access and Privacy Alliance), including the League of Women Voters, are working together to raise awareness about Prevention First legislation by sponsoring a booth at the 2008 Tippecanoe County Fair. About six League members will be working as volunteers during the fair, which is held July 19-25. The booth will include information about proposed Indiana legislation to reduce unintended pregnancies and opportunities for advocacy, including voter registration. Be sure and stop in at the booth if you are at the fair!

**Learn more about HAPA and about Prevention First at**

[www.hapaindiana.org/action.html](http://www.hapaindiana.org/action.html)

—Kaye McSpadden



### *In Memoriam*

#### **Nancy Tobias**

Long time League member Nancy Tobias, 81, died on March 7, 2008. She often did LWV voter registration, worked on the calendar, and much more. She was one of the key organizers of West Lafayette's Global Fest and was active in The Friends of the West Lafayette Library, Lafayette Urban Ministry and St. John's Episcopal Church. Nancy will be remembered and missed by her many League friends.

## Deadline for *Making Democracy Work Award* nominations is coming up



Our League will make the first presentation of the Making Democracy Work Award on Constitution Day: September 17. Nominations for the award are due August 1, 2008.

The award will recognize an outstanding woman who has envisioned a way to improve our community and has mobilized others to help effect a change that has benefited the broader community.

We need you to think of a deserving woman (age 50 or older) who is or has been in the workforce, who is not a current League member, who has seen an unmet need in our community and has worked to meet the need and has inspired others to work with her. Nominees can be from Tippecanoe and surrounding counties.

The nomination form is available on our League web site. Go to [www.leaguelifayette.org](http://www.leaguelifayette.org) and click on "activities." It is a short 2 page form.

Please help us locate outstanding women for this award. Your help is needed.

—Jean Andres

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## Looking ahead to the new program year

As we start a new program year for the League, we are delighted to welcome 19 new members who have joined the League in the past year. We have another busy year planned, and hope that you will find it stimulating and informative.

The year gets a running start during the summer. The League will be one of the participants in the county fair booth promoting the prevention of unintended pregnancies, sponsored by HAPA. This will be followed by a program on July 29 on water quality, by our own Dr. Jane Frankenberger.

The August picnic is always a highlight of the year, with good food, good fellowship, and programs this year on the events of the National Convention and on the progress on the Wabash River development. On August 29, we will be registering new citizens as voters at the naturalization ceremony.

Events in September will focus on the election, with:

- a program on how to be a well-informed voter, to be given at a Sept. 8 YWCA luncheon,
- a forum with candidates for the state legislature presented in partnership with WALLA on September 15,
- and the presentation of our first-ever Making Democracy Work award, including a presentation of recommendations from the governor's commission on restructuring of local government on Sept. 17.

Mark the dates on your calendar now and watch for more details in the next newsletter.

Later in the year, there will be programs on immigration reform, open door laws, women and the law, and judicial independence. And of course we will be meeting with our legislators both before and during

## Annual meeting recap

The Annual Meeting of the LWV of Greater Lafayette was held May 13 at the Klondike Branch of the Tippecanoe County Library and catered by Moe's Southwest Grill. Our red, white and blue 88th birthday cake was baked at Mama Inez's bakery.

Gail Pebworth from the LWV Montgomery County, Indiana LWV State Board and Co-chair of the Indiana Membership Recruitment Initiative gave an address which focused on the importance of continually recruiting and involving new members. She shared success stories and related this to an active Observer Corps.

Betty Doversberger's "State of the League" address discussed our activities and events for the past year. She welcomed the 20 members who have joined since the last annual meeting and recognized Ginny Webb as a 50-year member.

Mary Lee Parker reported on sales of our Community Calendar. She invited members to take the unsold leftovers and give them to new and potential members. This activity continues to be our major fundraiser. She plans to have the 2008-2009 calendar ready for sale on September 1.

The nominated slate was elected by unanimous assent. Positions still needing to be filled are Financial Coordinator, Membership Director and Chair of the Nominating Committee. Many individuals will be doing League work off board. Doversberger recognized outgoing Board member Jo Ann Mullen and thanked her for her service to the League.

The program for 2008-2009 re-adopts all existing positions and requires a review of the Land Use position. The program also includes the planned calendar of events for registering voters, providing candidate information, and acting on our positions. Suggestions for future direction included:

- Study a "pay as you throw" program for solid waste.
- Determine if we have a position under which the League can take action to promote a midwifery licensing bill.
- Join HAPA.
- Present candidate forums in combination with groups in addition to WALLA (Wabash Area Lifelong Learning Alliance) in order to reach different audiences.
- Consider sending the newsletter via e-mail.
- Consider archiving our local League records.
- Work with TV-18 to get voter information on the web.



Above: Board member Winnie Adler greets guest speaker Gail Pebworth.  
At left: Mida Grover samples the League's 88th birthday cake.

the session of the General Assembly.

Newsletters will be published bi-monthly, and we urge you to visit the website, <http://leaguemontgomery.org>,

frequently to keep abreast of League activities and positions.

--President Betty Doversberger



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- **Sept 15**—Candidate forum with WALLA, 7pm, Morton Center
- **Sept 17**—Presentation of Making Democracy Work Award

**Have you checked out the League website? It's a great source of info!**

The website features many helpful items including: a calendar of activities, our positions, information on voting, and the Directory of Local Officials. —Jane Frankenberger



**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 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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Thank you!