



The Voter

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Annual legislative breakfast to be held Saturday January 30

Please register by Jan. 22

Everyone is invited to the 2010 League of Women Voters Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette. Breakfast will be available at 9:15 a.m., with the program beginning at 10:00 a.m. following Third House. This is an opportunity to hear from legislators about the current session and to ask questions. Full breakfast is \$7.95, or you can purchase beverages only for \$1.50. Advance registration is appreciated. Please contact Pat Corey, 765-269-5239, pcorey@ivytech.edu, with attendance plans by January 22.

LWVGL Legislative Breakfast
Saturday, January 30, 2009
MCL Cafeteria, West Lafayette
9:15 AM Breakfast
10:00 AM Program



NEW! The League begins *This is Your Community* monthly brown bag lunch series

This is Your Community is a new monthly series sponsored by our LWVGL and open to all. Bring a friend and join us on the third Thursday of the month for a brown bag lunch and program at 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian Street, West Lafayette. The program will include a presentation by a guest speaker followed by discussion. See the box at right for the tentative program schedule.

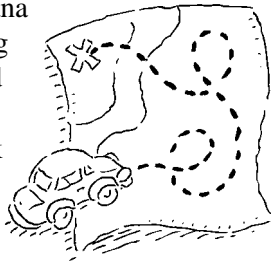
This is Your Community
Monthly brown bag lunch discussions—open to all
Third Thursday of the month at noon
Unitarian Universalist Church
333 Meridian Street, West Lafayette
(2 blocks west of Salisbury, near West Lafayette High School)

- **Jan 21**—Eileen Steele, Exec Dir, New Community School
- **Feb 18**—Liz Solberg, High Speed Rail
- **Mar 18**—Gary Lehman, President & CEO Fairfield Manufacturing Co. Inc., member of the Commission for Higher Education
- **April 15**—Veronique LeBlanc, Exec Dir, Riggs Community Health Clinic

Trip to Seneca Falls planned in August

Want to go along?

The LWV Indiana is in the planning stages of a road trip to Seneca Falls, New York as part of our celebration of 90 years of women's suffrage and the League of Women Voters.



We will go in August 2010 around the time of Women's Equality Day, which is August 26. If you are interested or have ideas, contact Donna Giroux dlgiroux@frontiernet.net or Gail Pebworth at pebworthg@sbcglobal.net.

Attractions in the Seneca Falls Heritage Area include Women's Rights National Historical Park (which features the Wesleyan Chapel, site of the first women's rights convention in 1848), National Women's Hall of Fame, Finger Lakes Wineries, and the Elizabeth Cady Stanton House.

Seneca Falls celebrates the role it played in the Reform Movements of the 19th century. We will also visit the Susan B. Anthony House in Rochester, New York. —Donna Giroux

Upcoming—
the League will
sponsor an interesting
program on sewer
projects.
Watch for more
information soon.

League members to participate in national and local program planning on February 9

The League of Women Voters is a grassroots organization with program planning forming the basis for its education and action efforts. Many of us remember the days when national program planning was an often tedious process with members taking a quick overview of every position and agreeing to keep, study, review or take action. But fortunately the process has changed.

Now we are asked to review **one and only one issue** to support with four choices: update, new study, concurrence, or no recommendation. With 72 national positions, reviewing just one will make for a much more productive discussion.

At this meeting our League will review the position on DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation. This is one of the ways we will observe the League's 90th Birthday. Born in 1920 out of the struggle to get the vote for women, the League of Women Voters began early to seek redress for another disenfranchised group: the citizens of the District of Columbia.

The League has supported district self-government since 1938. Some gains have been made but full voting representation has not yet been achieved. For more information on this position, visit the LWVUS website, www.lwv.org.

For local program planning, there will be a brief look at the positions, but the main focus will be on member input on action items for our League for 2010-2011. With the League's rich store of national, state and local positions, we can take action on many governmental issues as long as there are members willing to work on those issues. Local positions are on our website www.leaguelafayette.org.

The Greater Lafayette League needs member input, so come and join in the discussion on February 9.

2010 National and Local Program Planning Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 9

7:00–9:00PM

**at Winnie Adler's House
1001 Digby Rd, Lafayette**

Directions: from South Street (St. Rd. 26 E), go one block south on 10th St. From Columbia Street (St. Rd. 26 W), go two blocks south on 10th. House is in the curve on the corner of 10th and Digby, just past the Art Museum parking lot. Phone 423-2254.

2010 Census—counting everyone because everyone counts

Help Tippecanoe County bring in its fair share of federal dollars. Increasing our participation from 72% to 85% would mean counting an additional 19,000 people. Each additional person counted can bring in around \$4,000 in federal grants. This could bring in money to fund services for people in poverty, the elderly or disabled, and those with limited English proficiency; transportation needs; medical research; public safety; and much more. The data are also used for reapportioning seats in the House of Representatives – our state is in danger of losing another House seat. Please spread the word. Everyone living in Tippecanoe County needs to be counted.



Help celebrate the League's 90th birthday in February

On February 14, 2010 the League of Women Voters will be 90 years old. What a landmark!! It is hard to imagine now the struggle that the suffragettes had to endure to secure the passage of the 19th amendment. And for 90 years, League members have continued to put their time and effort into making our democracy strong and its benefits available to all.



Throughout 2010 the League will celebrate the anniversary of its founding. The strength and vitality of the League have never been more important than they are at present, with our nation facing so many critical challenges. We are justifiably proud of the role the League plays in raising awareness of the issues and encouraging participation in working for consensus on solutions.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette is one of the oldest in the country, having also been founded in 1920. This year would be an ideal time for us to develop a history of our local League. We have a great source of information from those who have been long-time members of the League and from our extensive archives. Would you like to be part of documenting the important work that LWVGL has done over the years? Let's get a group of members together to recall the many ways in which the League has benefited the community. Or would you like to help plan events to celebrate the anniversary and raise awareness of the League? Let us know your interests.

To be part of this wonderful celebration, just send an e-mail to me at edoversberger@comcast.net or give me a call at 765-448-6880. Let's make 2010 a year of fun and renewal for our League.

—Betty Doversberger, President

Thank you, League supporters!

The contributions that we receive from the annual fund drive support our active work of education and advocacy to make democracy strong. Many thanks to the following people who have contributed to this year's League fund drive. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Tom and Winnie Adler
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Sally Watlington
Pat Wilkerson



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. We hope to see all of you often at our meetings and look forward to getting to know you better. New members since April are:

Katy Bunder
Anna Margaret Dale
Beth Goodman
Karen Griggs
Patricia Kaplan
Ramona Krueger
Jane Schmitt
Debra Sherman
Audrey Smith
Mary Tilden

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- **Jan 30**—Legislative Breakfast
- **Feb 9**—Local and National Program Planning, 7-9PM, Winnie Adler’s house
- **Feb 14**—LWV 90th birthday
- **Feb 18**—*This is Your Community* Brown Bag Lunch, noon
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- **May**—Annual Meeting

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 _____

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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>



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Thank you for giving to the 2009 League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette (LWVGL). Your gift will help support the League's efforts in our local community.

The League of Women Voters is a 501©(4) organization, and contributions made to the League are non-deductible. These contributions help us mobilize citizens and influence public policy through advocacy. They are used for local projects such as public forums and study groups, printing and postage expenses.

The League of Women Voter Indiana Education Fund (LWV/IEF) is a 501©(3) organization and contributions to the Education Fund are tax deductible. These funds support voter service activities and materials and projects that educate and engage citizens as active participants in our democracy.

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Name: _____

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4. Name and address:

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Please do not list my (our) name(s).