



Welcome to the League

Since 1920 the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette has been working to make our community strong, safe, and healthy, and its citizens informed and active participants in our democracy. You are joining a long line of women and men who have worked to build a better community.

Getting Involved in League Activities

There's always something to do for the League. Here are ten ideas for activities that might interest you.

1. Volunteer to help at a League sponsored public meeting or candidates' forum. (Call the committee chair that is sponsoring the forum or the voter service chair.)
2. Lunch with League members once a month at Jane's Gourmet Deli on 4th Street, Lafayette. Get to know fellow Leaguers and join in a wide-ranging discussion. It's a fun and relaxed period – drop in anytime between noon to 1pm.
3. Help with voter registration. (Call the voter service chair)
4. Help determine next year's priorities and programs by attending the program planning meeting – usually in February. Then come to the annual meeting in May. (The League's newsletter will provide information on when and where these are held.)
5. Join a study committee. Currently there are active committees looking at juvenile justice, local land use, and immigration reform. (Contact the committee chair.)
6. Volunteer to help with the newsletter – articles are always needed. We also look for members to address and mail the *League Letter*.
7. Help with our Community Events Calendar – gathering information, finding new stores to sell the calendar, selling them yourself!
8. Volunteer for the Observer Corps; take responsibility for attending all the meetings of one local government board or commission for a year and complete a short form to report the activities for each meeting. Your report will be posted on our website.
9. Write publicity for a League event. (Call the committee chair that is planning the event.)
10. Offer to serve on the board or head a committee. Your voice is important to us. (Contact the nomination committee chair.)

We hope that you will be active and engaged in our efforts.

People to Know

Betty Doversberger, League President

As president, Betty oversees all League activities and keeps things running smoothly. She is also the official representative for our League—she writes the letters to the editor that you see in the *Journal and Courier*.

Winnie Adler, Program Vice-President

Winnie coordinates the programs that the League sponsors and also leads our annual deliberations on local, state and national positions.

Jo Brooks, Organizational Vice-President

Jo is responsible for keeping the everyday events of the League running smoothly, supervising everything from fund raising to voter service projects.

Donna Giroux, Secretary and Member Support

Donna has taken on two jobs; secretary for the board and maintaining the member data base! Any changes in your information (address, phone, e-mail, name change) should be sent to Donna.

Jean Andres, Voter Service Chair

Jean coordinates our League's voter service events and programs. She also serves on the state election reform committee and cooperates with that committee by planning Tippecanoe County exit polling and poll workers surveys for use by the state League. (She always needs volunteers around election time.)

Keeping informed about the League

As a new member, you will need regular information about the League. Here's what to expect.

Our local League's newsletter, the *League Letter*, is published 4 or 5 times a year. If you have e-mail, the League will send short informative messages alerting you to upcoming events or our need for volunteers. Postcards are sent to remind members of special League events – candidates' forums, meetings we sponsor, the annual meeting, etc. Prior to our annual meeting you will receive a packet containing the list of all local League members, the proposed budget and positions for the next year, and a review of the year's activities.

As a member you will also receive newsletters from the state and national Leagues. The *Indiana State Voter* provides information on the State issues and activities, and overviews of what the other local Leagues are doing. The *National Voter* keeps you informed about what the League of Women Voters is doing and accomplishing nation-wide.

The League has an important presence on the web. Checking the web sites often will keep you up to date.

- Our local League's web site is <http://leaguelafayette.org>, which has a Calendar of League events as well as information about what the League is and does.
- We also have a web site with information specifically for members of the League. Here you can find the minutes of all Board meetings and the Annual Meeting, as well as news about events directed only to members.
- The League of Women Voters of Indiana (often referred to as LWVIN) has an excellent web site at <http://www.lwvin.org/>, and the League of Women Voters web site at the national level is <http://www.lwv.org>.

Kaye McSpadden, *League Letter*
Editor

Kaye is responsible for putting together our newsletter. Contact her if you have an article to submit or would like to assist with the newsletter.

Patsy Hoyer, Juvenile Justice
Committee Chair

Patsy leads our efforts to monitor and influence the county's plans to build a juvenile justice center. (Interested in children's welfare? This may be the committee for you.)

Jane Frankenberger, Web Master

Jane organizes and updates both the local public site and the members only section of our web site. If you have suggestions for the site, please contact her.

John Corey, Land Use Re-study Chair

John has volunteered to lead our efforts to look at our League's position on land use, which includes parks, recreation, and open space; to see what changes need to be made and what positions are still valid.

Mida Grover, Immigration Study Co-chair

Mida led our League's study of immigration reform, part of a national study of this topic in 2007-2008. Now that the League as a whole has reached consensus on the issue, we will begin to advocate and inform our community about the League's stand. (Additional members for the committee are welcome.)

Key people not on the Board:

Jennifer Andres, Treasurer

If you have questions about dues, would like to make a donation, or need to be reimbursed for a League-related expense, Jennifer is the person to contact.

Welcome to the League! Please get involved, by contacting any of the people listed above.

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