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## LWVIN Regional Workshop



Patsy Hoyer, League President and Christa Coffey, Tippecanoe County Clerk, working together to implement new voter registration laws.

Over 50 Leaguers gathered at Morton Community Center on October 19th to listen and learn about important issues dealing with voters and elections.

Christa Coffey, Tippecanoe County Clerk, discussed the revised voter registration form (VRG-7), one that requires those who register voters sign the form in two places and include their home address on a portion of the form that is given to the newly registered voter. Local Boards of Election do have some flexibility as to exactly how they implement election laws, so it will be important for all Leagues to see how this new law will be interpreted in their county.

Kelsey Kaufman, former professor at DePauw University, outlined a project she and her students pursued to require local redistricting of County Councils and School Boards. Many local jurisdictions have not followed state law and have wide population disparities within precincts. She is looking for volunteers to be plaintiffs in law suits targeting counties where these disparities occur.

The Indianapolis League presented their power point, *Rethinking Redistricting: Drawing a Line for Democracy*. Their effort centers on the practice of gerrymandering, dividing voting districts so as to give unfair advantage to one political party. They hope to inspire voters to contact their state legislators to demand that a non-partisan commission be appointed to draw voting district lines. Voters can move their representatives to take action!

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Check Your  
Voter Registra-  
tion Online!

## Voter Service—Step Up and Help Plan for the 2014 Elections!

Joanne Evers, Voter Service Coordinator

Plans are underway for LWVGL to be active in the 2014 Elections and you don't want to miss out. Contact Joanne Evers at [eversjd@comcast.net](mailto:eversjd@comcast.net) or 497-1040 to assist with planning for the following: (i) voter registration in the community and the schools; (ii) learn more about the new voter registration form and how to use it; (iii) assist with Vote411 for local elections; (iv) assist with advertising the elections, candidate forums and more. Our first meeting was November 7<sup>th</sup>. We want your assistance in all areas to turn out the vote and to increase League visibility in the community. Planning is essential for a yearlong comprehensive program. We need your expertise, time and energy for a successful year. Hope to hear from you and see you soon!

LWVGL participated in three local voter registration events since the last Voter, including Hannafest, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the West Lafayette Farmers Market, October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to the volunteers, Corrina Than, Roberta Schonemann, Ann Hunt, Patsy Hoyer, Patty Jischke, Joe Krause, Mary Jo Pflum and Joanne Evers who came out to register voters and provide information about election law to residents of our community.

LWVGL Voter Service Committee created a voter registration information business card for all members to share with friends and family or just 'walkin' down the street'. Get a few copies to share at your next community event and inform other residents or prospective voters about the online voter registration process. Only caveat: In order to complete a voter registration 'online', individuals must have an Indiana Driver's License or ID. Otherwise, they need go to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or complete a paper registration form, which they can find at [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com), print, complete and mail it to their County Election Board.

Contact Patsy Hoyer for your supply of cards. Many people think they are registered, but as one visitor to our Farmer's Market table realized, after checking his registration online and finding that his birthday was incorrect in the electronic voters' database, this gave him an opportunity to update and prevent future voting problems.

<p><b>REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE</b> <a href="http://indianavoters.com">indianavoters.com</a></p>	
<p> Just Ask... League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette <a href="http://leaguelfayette.org">leaguelfayette.org</a> or 765-336-0935</p>	<p>Need a voter ID card? <a href="http://www.in.gov/bmv">www.in.gov/bmv</a> go to 'voter information'</p>

*LWVIN workshop cont....*

The final speaker, David Orentlicher, IU School of Law and past State Representative, provided his viewpoint, namely that the best way to have fair elections is to have voting districts that represent a broad cross section of the population. He feels that much of the current polarization of the citizens is due to the economy.

There were a lot of questions and discussion — much food for thought.

—Jean Andres



### VOTE411 Training Webinars (NEW)

Are you looking for in-depth trainings on how to use VOTE411 to provide online voters' guides in your community? LWVEF is providing two webinars that will show you the basics and answer your questions about this voter education tool. These trainings are great for both new and experienced participants alike! If you have never used the system, or want a refresher training opportunity, register today for the webinar on [Tuesday December 3rd 3-4PM](#) Eastern. If you have used the system before or want a more advanced training, register for the webinar on [Friday December 6th 1-2PM](#) Eastern to reserve your spot! If you have any questions about the webinars, or about VOTE411, please contact Megan Brown at [mbrown@lww.org](mailto:mbrown@lww.org).

### Grants Available: 2014 Youth Voter Registration Program (Reminder)

LWVEF is pleased to invite Leagues to apply for a new pass-through grant opportunity to engage high school/community college/technical/vocational school students in the spring of 2014. **Monday, December 2, is the final application deadline, however LWVEF is happy to receive applications earlier than that.** State and local Leagues are encouraged [to download the project description and funding application](#). If you have questions about completing your application, contact Maggie Duncan ([mduncan@lww.org](mailto:mduncan@lww.org)).

## REVISED VOTER REGISTRATION FORM (VRG7) NOW AVAILABLE!

(But not required for use until January 1, 2014)

Joanne Evers, Voter Service Coordinator

If you recall, the Voter Registration Form known as VRG7 was required to be revised by 2013 General Assembly legislation. The primary purpose for this revision was to protect unsuspecting voters from losing their right to vote by not having their voter registration form turned in to the proper location by an unscrupulous organization trying to prevent voting. Therefore, the revised VRG7 which is now on the SOS website at this location [http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/VRG-7\(2014revision\)fill-in.pdf](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/VRG-7(2014revision)fill-in.pdf) includes an area at the top of the form to serve as a receipt for the registering voter who turns the form over to another individual to deliver to the County Election Board in their stead. Also, the individual assisting must provide their name and address on the portion of the form that is delivered to the County Election Board. As a result of these additions other items were removed and instruction text was reduced. Please check out the form and locate the two areas requiring names and addresses and see what was removed. Note that this form is available and can be used now but it is not required to be used until January 1, 2014.

LWVIN and several local Leagues including LWVGL submitted comments to the Indiana Election Board while they were reviewing and voting on this final version of the VRG7. Attempts were made to move items 10 (citizenship) and 11 (age) to the top of the page. You will see that this was not done. Attempts were made for privacy and safety reasons to not require a personal name and address on the receipt to be given to the registering voter but since the law did not accommodate organizational names and addresses, it remains as it is.

Also note that the National Voter Registration Form must still be accepted by Indiana and all of the Counties even after January 1, 2014 which will avoid the need to provide a receipt and sign the form as an individual assisting to register voters. Also we are encouraging everyone who has an Indiana Driver's License or ID to register to vote online at [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com) and if already registered to verify and review your registration. Remember, Indiana and all of its Counties are in the process of updating the Electronic Poll Book to eliminate duplicate registrations, deceased registrants or those who have moved away and are no longer legal voters in Indiana. This said, CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE!

**You Can't Vote  
If You're Not  
Registered**



## Calendar

Go online to see upcoming League events or programs of interest.

## Take Action:

Call your state legislator. There are a number of issues that the League has a position on that will be coming up this next legislative session. Go to our website to view our positions. Citizen partition is the foundation for a strong democracy. <http://leaguelfayette.org/Positions.html>.



## INVITE A NEW MEMBER TO THE LEAGUE LINK LUNCH

The League is active and looking for new members this year. It may not be an election year, but changes to voter registration and upcoming league positions are keeping us busy. Invite a friend to one of our League Link Lunches. The Second Thursday of every month there is a table reserved at Jane's Deli, 524 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Lafayette. This is a long standing, informal gathering over lunch to talk and learn about current events, maintain friendships and create new ones. It's a great way to introduce people to the League and its members.

## Members' Corner —

### *Welcome New Members!*

—Contributed by Donna Giroux

Community residents continue to find the League and join in our work of supporting civic engagement. Some are new to Greater Lafayette while others have found time with retirement from careers. Some new members who have joined recently:

**Joyce Field** is our representative to HAPA (Health Access and Privacy Alliance). She says “For the past decade and a half I spent all my time on developing databases and world-wide research resources for Jewish genealogy on the Internet. This year, after my husband's death, I decided to get involved in other areas of interest. Patsy Hoyer convinced me to spend some of my time on HAPA-related projects.”

**Mary Jo Pflum** and her husband moved back to Lafayette (after 40 years), from northern Indiana where they raised three daughters. She says “Since both my husband and I, my three daughters, and two son-in-laws are graduates of Purdue, Purdue was an obvious choice. We definitely are enjoying our new life in the Lafayette area.” She further states “The reason that I decided to join your group is because I have always believed one of the cornerstones of democracy is in the informed electorate. My impression is the League of Women Voters strives to inform the citizens with unbiased factual information concerning pertinent issues. I am looking forward of being active with your group.”

**Linda Martin** moved here 11 years ago after 14 years living in Italy, Denmark and Holland. Originally from New Jersey, the Midwest became her second home after spending 10 years at Michigan State University. She heads back East every summer for some time at the beach. She says “I want to be involved in some way in politics, but am not really comfortable with the partisan business. I know the LWV does good work registering people and helping more people participate in their government, so I think this is a good fit for me. This current government dysfunction is absolutely unbelievable! It reminds me of the chaos I would see when we lived in Italy — never imagining I would ever find it here in this country. I am embarrassed by our leaders. The LWV is needed now more than ever.” She enjoys meeting people with similar interests. Linda teaches art history part time at Purdue.



Reception for Betty Doversberger

### Bon voyage, Betty

In November Betty Doversberger is moving to Illinois. Since joining the League she has been both a leader and a supporter at the local and state levels. Known for her leadership skills and astuteness, calm demeanor and tact, Betty has made many contributions to our League as President, Secretary, Fund Chair, and Board member. Following the LWVIN Regional Meeting, League friends gathered to say thanks to Betty and to wish her well. She will be greatly missed.

## Health Care Crisis in Indiana Meeting

On Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> there was a meeting at the Tippecanoe County Public Library to discuss the Health Care Crisis in Indiana – A Call to Action. It was sponsored by the Rebuild the Dream Coalition (RAD) and Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan.

The moderator was Joe Micon, Executive Director of the Lafayette Urban Ministry and a former Indiana State Representative. The speakers were Dr. Mildred Williamson, HIV/AIDS Section Chief IL Department of Health, and Dr. Rob Stone of Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan. The theme of the meeting was the expansion of Medicaid.

A few notes the speakers covered about the expansion of Medicaid:

- The Supreme Court held that the Affordable Care Act is legal but the states can not be forced to expand Medicaid.
- If states do participate, the federal government will cover 100% of the cost for one year and 90% for 12 yrs.

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## *The Health Access and Privacy Alliance workshop*

The HAPA workshop took place in Indianapolis on October 5, 2013. Featured speakers were:

Betty Cockrum, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood & Planned Parenthood Advocates, Inc. of Indiana and Kentucky (PPINK)

David Sklar, Director of Government Affairs, Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council

Jane Henegar, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana

A panel of legislators was moderated by Reba Boyd Wooden. Legislators participating included: Representative Karlee Macer, Senator Jean Breaux, Representative Vanessa Summers, Representative Sue Errington, Representative Terri Austin, Senator Karen Tallian, and Senator Mark Stoops. Legislators from both parties were invited. Only Democrats came.

Betty Cockrum noted that 400 of the 2000 bills introduced in all state legislatures in 2013 which related to reproductive services were passed. These bills included banning abortion, banning contraceptives, personhood bills, trap bills, fetal pain bills, parental consent bills and more.

The year 2014 will be difficult in Indiana as majorities in the General Assembly and the governor are Republican. Supporting Indiana families will be a priority. This includes opposing the Marriage Amendment to the Indiana Constitution and supporting the expansion of Medicaid.

“Reproductive justice” is the term to use now in defense of women’s reproductive health care.

David Sklar noted that impacting public opinion is important. He emphasized that we need to focus on: positive health outcomes; strong families; healthy families; health justice; health access; affordable health care.

It was pointed out that the Republicans are very good at labeling bills and using words to instill fear, and/or high emotion so that bills are not carefully read but shared as sound bites. The Democrats are suggesting that two words—trust and protection—may be good to counter the Republican message.

Questions about reproductive health during the legislative panel received lots of attention. Terri Austin said not to frame objections in terms of abortion; that we need to invoke real stories from real people to illustrate how a law would, could, did hurt families. She believes we need to seize on outrageous statements made by legislators and use it against them. Mark Stoop commented that drug testing for pregnant women was dropped because it was brought up that alcohol and drugs can directly affect sperm, so if women are tested, men should be also. Sue Errington discussed her conversations with freshman legislators in the 2013 session. She learned that they didn’t feel the need to read the pending bills on women’s health, as they would support any bills to limit reproductive freedoms.

—Joyce Field

## Membership callout

### Join the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a breath of fresh air in today’s political climate. Non-partisan (not bipartisan, non-partisan) and fact-based, the League serves a vital role in our election process and civic engagement. Not only does the League register voters, we host programs, serve as a well-respected conduit for communication with our local elected officials, and write well-researched, fact-based positions. We’re always looking for new members to help us with our mission.

Just write a check and mail it to  
LWV Great Lafayette, P.O. Box  
2085, West Lafayette, IN 47996-2085

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\_\_\_\$75 one year Household Membership

\_\_\_\$25 one year Student Membership

Membership Scholarships are available. For information contact LWVGL at [membership@leaguemlafayette.org](mailto:membership@leaguemlafayette.org)

MANY THANKS FROM  
THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM!



## MEMBER ACTION ALERT AGAINST HJR6

Dear League--

The status of HJR6, the amendment to the Indiana constitution defining marriage as only one man and one woman, and prohibiting any type of civil union between gays or lesbians, as well as partner benefits, is progressing, even before the start of the legislative session. We need to communicate with our legislative representatives immediately.

**The League of Women Voters of Indiana has joined One Voice, with Cummings, Lilly and others against the amendment.**

LWVGL is hoping to join local organizations including ACLU, Pride, and perhaps the Chamber, in communicating with our legislators. I will be sending a letter from LWVGL to our legislators this week.

**Please join in this effort, letting them know that you personally are against this amendment as well. Please share this with others who will take action.**

The talking points include (but need not be included in your communication):

1. The constitutional amendment **duplicates existing law** defining marriage as between one man and one woman. The effect of a constitutional amendment would be unclear as far as marriages in other states, federal benefits, human rights ordinances, legal contracts, and partner benefits.
2. It is **inappropriate to change the constitution constricting rights and liberties**. Constitutional amendments usually expand defined rights. Recent polling indicates that a constitutional amendment is considered an inappropriate way to deal with the issue of same sex marriages.
3. **The amendment is bad for business**. This has been made clear by several of Indiana's largest businesses, and joined by Indiana University.

We may be contacting you for further help. Some legislators are hoping to get this passed right away when the session begins, before people can respond.

Thank you in advance, Patsy Hoyer, President LWVGL



## Clerks: An Interview with Cindy Murray, Judith Rhodes and Christa Coffey

*Interview by Michael Oxenrider*

One of the biggest concerns of the League of Women Voters, is the level to which citizens understand and take part in their government. Citizens of our community have to peel through multiple layers, jurisdictions and different elected officials to find what services and what elected officials can best serve their needs. These barriers are of a huge concern to advocates of citizen participation and civic leadership. In the first, of what I'm hoping will turn out to be an ongoing informative series on local government, I got the chance to sit down with three Clerks that serve the major government bodies in the community and talk with them about their job, as well as deeper issues of government, such as transparency, citizen participation and the responsibility of the citizen.

Cindy Murray is the Lafayette City Clerk. She has held that position since being elected in 2003. Judith Rhodes serves a dual function as the West Lafayette Clerk-Treasurer and has served in that role since 1992. Christa Coffey, Tippecanoe County Clerk of the Circuit Court, is completing her third year since being elected in 2010.



Cindy Murray



Judith Rhodes



Christa Coffey

They say it the best, so provided are a few highlights. For the extended version, please go to our website at [League-lafayette.org](http://League-lafayette.org).

*First off, each of you occupies a similar space in your jurisdiction, you all have similar job titles, but even the titles are different. Go through what some of your duties are and in a general sense discuss some of the similarities and differences.*

**Christa Coffey** (Clerk of the Circuit Court – Tippecanoe County): Every day is different but the top priorities I deal with on a regular basis are court records, collection of fees and child support, anything related to court records, the retention, everything in court services. Clerk of the county records management committee, and then obviously when elections come around. I'm responsible for those as the top elections official in the county elections.

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**Cindy Murray** (City of Lafayette): (to Christa Coffey) How many deputies do you have?

**CC:** I have 27 full-time and 13 part-time.

**Judy Rhodes** (West Lafayette Clerk-Treasurer): I serve in three roles: City Clerk, the City Treasurer, and the City Court Clerk.

**CM:** Which I want so bad! *(The City of Lafayette does not have a court; enforcement of fines, tickets, and fees ultimately falls to the Tippecanoe County Court in the form of a civil suit taken up by the city against the offender).*

**JR:** The City Clerk job by statute is described as Secretary of the Common Council. We keep the official city seal, issue permits and licenses, da-dada-da-da [Basic Clerk duties]. The Treasurer is the head of the Department of Finance, even in a third class city, and carries out all of the financial record keeping and reporting requirements. The third job is similar to what Christa does on a very small scale with the City Court. The reporting and administrative support for the court is carried out in my office and under my signature.

**CM:** As Judy said, we [City Clerks] are the Secretary of the Common Council and we are the main records keeper for the city. We house all the contracts, agreements and oaths. We administer oaths, along with the mayor, and make sure boards and commissions are up to date. We swear in officers and employees. We are the ordinance violation bureau and receive money for permits, licenses and violations.

***All of you are on different board and commissions in the community. In addition to your own jobs, how do you find the time?***

**CM:** It's amazing we were all available at one time to meet here.

**CC:** I think you find what your passion is, and when you have the passion for something you find the time. I was very involved with Relay for Life before I got elected. Since then, I'm still working for the event.

**JR:** At various times since I've been in office I've had more or less time for volunteer activities. I still have a small supporting role with the League of Women Voters, some special projects; I'm the Treasurer for my Congregation. I'm involved in the financial strategy. But...I can say only for myself at this point, I work every weekend, I work most evenings. I'm basically involved in the big project to install our new accounting system and convert our entire chart of accounts. There aren't enough hours in the day for that project. That is my sole focus.

**CM:** My big thing is United Way. I've been on the board for probably ten years now. I was campaign chair in 2010 and was the Board President the year before that. I think I still have one more year left. I do a lot of wellness things for the state. I'm on the state wellness committee for I-

ACT [Indiana Association of Cities and Towns]. I'm in charge of wellness for the City of Lafayette. We try to do something at least once or twice a month for the employees, whether it's a walk or a lunch and learn. It helps with the employees and keeps our insurance claims down and our rates down -- that's also less money for the tax payers.

**CC:** I need to talk to you about that. I'm trying to do something for my office.

**CM:** Oh you are (excited)? I have ideas!

***Do you feel that sometimes, by the time the public starts to wake up to an issue, it may already be too late for a change?***

**CC:** Possibly. And I struggle with that a lot. Because if you're committed to your community there is a personal responsibility each person has as well to inform themselves. That's why each one of us has open doors to our offices. That's where about everyone ends up - in our offices.

**JR:** I think where government really struggles is in extending information out. Because without a report or something else, it's somewhat difficult for the people to understand what issues are pending with various bodies, with the board of works, or city councils. I think that's where the big question is, "How are we doing government?" How much engagement or interaction is there? Does that occur with the neighborhood associations, does that occur at public meetings? We know how people are organizing the reset of their private lives. Is the disengagement from government partly because it's so inaccessible?

The Budget! By the time we've had the budget hearing (Christa chuckles) the budget can be reduced, can't really been increased, for the most part it's already been advertised. This is the standard. I think it's ironic, by the time the mandated public hearing occurs, it really is, almost too late. Some of our processes and forms reflect a different time and a different system and they're opaque to the public. Everyone else, the private sector, NGOs, non-profits, is reaching out and trying to engage you. Government has lagged a bit.

***Do you think what is happening in the federal government is giving Government in general a bad rap?***

**CC:** Absolutely. (Addressing Cindy and Judy) I don't know about your offices but during the government shutdown we spent the first two days answering phone calls "Yes, we're working, yes we're here."

**CM:** Yes, us too.

**JR:** I think it actually had a boomerang affect. People really appreciate seeing us in the grocery stores, in the neighborhood, they relish the opportunity actually to talk with someone they've elected who actually lives under the same circumstances they're living under. Not under some

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totally isolated 'my gym functions while no one is getting paid' kind of environment. In fact they rely on a more informal way to gather information. People can know each other, see each other in other contexts than the official meeting, at events that people attend in the community and that's a very important way people communicate.

**CC:** I've told a few people who work in Washington as elected officials that they should be here more. It impacts how you make decisions when every day you walk out of a door and you're talking to people who are citizens, who are voters and who are people whose opinions should matter. Whether you agree with them or not, they should have that opportunity. I think they should be televoting so they can be back in their communities. We have the technology. Unless we're going to go to Parliament, and I like Parliament where they just go at it!

**JR:** you mean to encourage them to go at it? More than they're doing already? (Laughter).

**CC:** Directly at it! Not you go talk to that camera and you go talk to that camera.

**On Politics**

**CC:** I think that [independent] is becoming the trend now. As I talk to the next generation of my family they have strong conviction of their beliefs, you know fiscal responsibility and those things, but a party affiliation, I think that's changing.

**CM:** I agree. We're very lucky, though. Judy and Christa can also attest to this. Different communities and different towns that we have listened to have a disconnect and don't get along with the different parties. We are very fortunate how we all get along. There really isn't a party. There's no line in the sand. We work together so well.

**On the office of the clerk, historically**

**CM:** The buck kind of stops with us when it comes to accessibility in public records and I think all of us feel that transparency is the utmost for a citizen. I know all of us try really hard that when there is a public records request it is very timely. At the end of the day we're the ones accountable. That Public Access Attorney is knocking on our door. I agree with Judy that the public having access to that information is key.

**JR:** The original Office of the Clerk, from medieval times, the name was the Remembrances. (It even goes back further to ancient Greece and even before writing came into use, their memory served as public record) They were the memory keepers, they kept the accurate records. They were entrusted with public records. It's a joke but, the Clerk in France was one time called the Mayor of the Palace (the other Clerks laugh). The public can't always be there, but it wants the record of what happened to be available (Cindy and Christa join in with her in unison on the word "happened"). That's where technology offers such an opportunity. The written record lasts. That's

something we all leave behind. When I look at the old records. I know we've all gone back and looked at the [beautiful] medieval handwriting, the discussions and concerns of the day, it's like you're reaching back into time. You can almost shake hands with a Clerk from 1890. It's quite touching to be part of this unbroken line, where the public has always elected people to guarantee that their records are accurate, defend them, and maintain them. It stretches back to the very beginning of self-government.

*Health Care Crisis cont...*

- So far, half of the states (even those with very conservative governors) have agreed to participate in expanding Medicaid. Half of the states have said NO.
- The Healthy Indiana Program (HIP) is not meant to be comprehensive.
- It looks like Indiana will say no to expanding Medicaid, at least for 2014.
- Currently Medicaid covers children, pregnant women, elderly and some disabled, but not adults. Note: the expanded Medicaid does not cover illegal immigrants.
- Expanded Medicaid would let a family of 4 with 2 workers be able to make up to \$35,000 a year and still qualify. The current maximum is much lower.
- Often low income people without Medicaid will wait before going to the ER. Dr. Stone, an ER physician said: "we see many people in the ERs where the medical help is too late, e.g., heart attack, stroke, breast cancer because the people know they can't afford the cost."
- Indiana tax payers will not pay extra if we expand Medicaid. It is estimated to cost the state \$50M-\$150M (depending on which research company you look at). We currently get \$121M from cigarette tax. Itchia, the high risk pool goes to ACA exchanges. One result is IN can already cover the cost of expanding Medicaid. And remember, the federal government pays 100% the first year and 90% for the next twelve years.

For more information on how to get involved, even if just signing a petition and writing letters to IN Legislators, call [rosefam2856@gmail.com](mailto:rosefam2856@gmail.com), 765-463-4705.

—*Roberta Schonemann*

