



# LWVGL Voter

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Spring 2013

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## Wabash River Corridor Happenings

If getting out on a spring day into the flow of the Wabash River watershed is your thing, volunteers are still needed from 3:00-5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, for the water sampling blitz. Twice each year over 200 volunteers, under the direction of the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation (WREC, 420-8505) and Purdue, monitor water quality in the Wabash River watershed. Check the web reference for a more detailed description. (<http://www.wabashriver.net/wabash-sampling-blitz/>)

As noted in a recent e-mail, you can also show your support for Wabash River efforts by attending WREC's second public meeting regarding development of a River Road scenic byway. The presentation and opportunity for input will be on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe County Office Building, Tippecanoe Room, 20 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lafayette.

Interested in a favorable cost sharing program for establishing a rain barrel, or rain garden, or pervious pavement on your property? You're in luck! WREC has had its grant for these efforts and other watershed activities renewed by IDEM (Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management) so funding on a cost share basis is now available through 2016 for bringing more of these ecologically sound features to our community. Also, watch for "Paint the Rain." WREC Wire, March 2013 edition, reports, "Groups and businesses will be able to purchase and paint a rain barrel or provide event sponsorship. Barrels will be displayed through the summer...and sold at a live gala and auction on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>."

There is more good news from WREC:

- A grant was secured from Indiana's Office of Community and Rural Affairs to clean up the former Midwest Rental site (Lafayette riverbank south of the State Road 26 bridge just beyond the railroad tracks). The work is scheduled to begin mid-summer.
- Strategic property acquisition in support of the Wabash River Corridor Master Plan is under way.
- A professional assessment will begin this year to identify the optimal uses for the former Lafayette municipal golf course including how that land relates to elements of the Wabash River Corridor Master Plan.
- The two year grant-funded effort to assess water quality and potential for improvement in the Deer Creek and Sugar Creek watersheds continues. This watershed encompasses about ten miles of the Wabash River including Prophetstown State Park, the northeastern portion of the City of Lafayette, and also touches the towns of Flora, Delphi, Galveston, and Americus. Note that this is the Sugar Creek north, not south, of Lafayette.

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## LWVGL Annual Meeting

When: May 13, 2013  
 Where: Lilly Nature Center  
 Time: 5:30 — Dinner; Program and Meeting – 6:00 PM  
 Dinner: Catered by Panera, \$10.00, pay at the door  
 RSVP by May 8 to [league@leaguelafayette.org](mailto:league@leaguelafayette.org)  
 or 765-336-0935



The annual meeting is always a great time to share an evening with League friends and welcome new friends. This spring members have put in time and energy discussing the role of the League in the Lafayette Community and how to fulfill that role. Several proposals have been suggested, and the annual meeting will be a time to decide how to move forward and who shall lead the efforts. Your input and time are needed to continue the tradition of the League in Tippecanoe County and the Greater Lafayette Area. Join us to celebrate the League and plan for the future!

In addition to our business meeting, Christa Coffey, Tippecanoe County Clerk, has agreed to make a short presentation on legislation to come out of the 2013 General Assembly related to voting in Tippecanoe County. This should be informative and helpful to all interested in voting processes.

Please RSVP by May 8<sup>th</sup> to plan for the proper dinner count.

## Calendar

- April 9 — LWVGL Board Meeting, WLPL, 5:30 PM
- April 11 — League Link Lunch, Jane's Deli, Noon
- April 11 — Diversity Roundtable Summit VI, Ivy Tech, Lafayette  
11:00 AM-5:00 PM
- April 27&28 — LWVIN State Convention, Turkey Run State Park
- May 13 — LWVGL Annual Meeting (NEW DATE) Lily Nature Center, 5:30—8:00 PM

## Note from the President



Best wishes to all for a long awaited springtime. After the February Legislative Breakfast, LWVGL members have been planning for the 2013-2014 League year. In addition to the two member planning meetings, small committees met and drafted proposals and ideas to be considered by the board and presented at the LWVGL Annual Meeting for member consideration. Do plan to participate in the annual meeting on May 13. Your ideas and participation are important.

We were honored this year to be a co-sponsor of the Diversity Roundtable Summit VI held at Ivy Tech, Lafayette. League members have always supported the Summit as individuals but it was rewarding to have the League name publicly visible in conjunction with the good work of the Diversity Roundtable. Thanks to all who attended.

I would like to thank our membership team of Donna Giroux and Ginny Webb for their steadfast work on recruiting new members this year. We are holding steady with our membership count, which is a credit to their efforts and energy. Thanks, gals, and all who assisted.

In the winter Voter, it was reported that LWVGL did not have a nominating committee to work on recruiting leaders for next year. I am happy to report that Karen Griggs stepped up with the assistance of Donna Giroux and Ginny Webb to contact each of our members and inquire of their availability to serve on the LWVGL Board, committees and projects. We have had a great response but could still use more assistance. Come to the annual meeting so you know what plans are made and consider what you can do for LWVGL next year.

Since this is the last time I will contribute to the LWVGL Voter as president, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who served on and off the board these past two years keeping LWVGL visible and strong in Greater Lafayette. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve with so many dedicated and committed individuals. Thank you for the opportunity.

—Joanne Evers, President



*(Wabash River Corridor, cont'd from page 1)*

Just a reminder: The Wabash River Enhancement Corporation is a unique co-operative 501-c3 entity. The officers are our two mayors, a county commissioner, a county council member, as well as the Purdue president's appointee. Funding comes from generous grants from North Central Health Services, Inc.; from local, state, and federal public funds; and from other entities in the community.

NICHES (Northern Indiana Citizens Helping Ecosystems Survive), a land trust working in an eight county area, has had an active year in Tippecanoe County to the benefit of the Wabash River corridor. Protection was secured for the Potawatomi Trail Preserve, 59 acres on the Wabash River south of Ross Hills. Also, conservation activities were initiated on Mulvey Pond, a 52 acre 2011 acquisition northwest of West Lafayette, which is part of the Wabash River watershed.

The League has a long history of support for sustainable enhancement of the Wabash River Corridor. Your interest and participation give voice to this support of our mighty river and it's central role in the vitality of our community.

—Liz Solberg



## You've Been Sharing the Secret!

*Did you hear about the League?*



You are continuing to share one of the Best Kept Secrets in Greater Lafayette, The League of Women Voters. How do I know? Check out these examples:

- As Linda Cohen and I greeted arrivals at the Legislative Breakfast an attendee GREETED US with, "I was told to attend this meeting and to join the League," she pulled out her \$50, and Assistant Treasurer Margaret Brender happily marked her "Paid in Full."
- One of you phoned me three times this month with names of people ready to join League, instructing me to "send the membership brochure," telling where to send the check.

A vital key to membership growth still remains with each of us in SHARING THE BEST KEPT SECRET. It appears that your efforts have brought membership to 93 and we are aiming for 100. Keep whispering!

—Ginny Webb  
*Membership*

## A warm WELCOME to the newest members of LWVGL!

Susan Brouillette, Lafayette

Sadie Harper-Scott,  
West Lafayette

Faith Graham, West Point

Roberta Schonemann,  
West Lafayette

Corrina Than, Lafayette

## 2012-13 Fund Raising

The League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette has funded its operations for several years through various fund-raising activities. This year, these included an opportunity for members to make a contribution at the time they paid their annual dues, a fund-drive mailing in February, and provision for online contributions for the calendar, which was available only on the Internet this year, not through sales of hard copies. Altogether, the League has received a total of \$3,745 in 2012-13, as follow:

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Membership mailing:	\$ 655	\$ 265	\$ 80
Fund Drive mailing	2,000	645	
Calendar contributions	100		
 Total contributions	 \$2,755	 \$ 910	 \$ 80

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those who have so generously supported the work of the League this year. Please be sure to let them know how much that support means to our efforts to keep democracy strong. The following are the contributors for 2012-13:

Anonymous	Nola Gentry	Mary Lee Parker
Tom and Winnie Adler	Donna Giroux	Sue Prohofsky
Eileen Arthur	Joan Goldstein	Eleanor Riggs
Rebecca Cuellar-Berumen	Beth Goodman and Mary Tilden	Dawn Rose
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## LWVGL 2013 Government Officials Directory

### IN THE COMMUNITY AND ON THE WEB

Thanks go to Judy Rhodes, Michael Oxenrider and Donna Giroux for revising, reformatting and proofing the LWVGL Government Officials Directory for 2013. We give a big thank you to Greater Lafayette Commerce for sharing the costs of this publication and to Custom Forms for the printing. A job very well done!

Copies of the directory are available around the community in locations like the Greater Lafayette Commerce, the County Building, libraries, YWCA, Morton Center, LUM and many others. If you would like a supply of directories to share at an upcoming meeting or with friends, you can find them on Cathy Potter's porch at 517 Chauncey Ave, West Lafayette or contact Joanne Evers at [league@leaguelfayette.org](mailto:league@leaguelfayette.org). The directory can also be found on the LWVGL website: [www.leaguelfayette.org](http://www.leaguelfayette.org)

## 2013 LWVIN State Convention

When: April 27-28, 2013

Where: Turkey Run State Park

LWVGL will be attending the State Convention with two delegates this year but more (total five) are welcome so if you are interested in coming, please contact Joanne Evers at [league@leaguelfayette.org](mailto:league@leaguelfayette.org) ASAP. The registration fee of \$68.00 will be paid by LWVGL. Delegates will be responsible for overnight accommodations.

In addition to the business responsibilities of the convention, speakers on Sat. include Julia Vaughn from Common Cause who will reflect on the 2013 Legislative Session and Dr. Robert Steel, professor in journalism ethics at DePauw University who will address values of civility and civil dialogue in politics and media.

Workshop sessions are focused on elections for the future and membership and leadership development. The banquet speaker on Saturday, Susanne Gaudin, will share Tom Brokaw's report on where the next generation is coming from and what challenges they will face. On Sunday, the speakers will include LWVUS secretary/treasurer, Pat Donath, sharing how LWVUS supports local Leagues. Workshops for the morning will include visibility opportunities and securing financial support. The final speaker for the convention will be Dr. Raymond Scheele, Ball State University, who will share the results of the "2012 Hoosier Survey". The convention will be a two-day experience filled with information, ideas, and energizing conversation.

Of course, League conventions are not all work and no play. There will be great food and great fun with friends from across the state, the silent auction, and the gorgeous setting at Turkey Run. It is not too late to come.



### INVITE A NEW MEMBER TO:

#### League Link Lunches

Second Thursday of every month there is a reserved League table at Jane's Deli, 524 N. 4th Street, Lafayette. The table is full of stimulating people, and membership volunteers are there to help facilitate networking.

#### Community meetings related to League Program Issues

Check your emails listing the opportunities, e.g., April 23rd Wabash River Enhancement Corporation Public Meeting for the River Road Scenic Byway to be held from 5-7 P.M. in the Tippecanoe County Building, Tippecanoe Room, 20 North 3rd Street. Liz Solberg will be there to welcome you!

## Service Learning Experience with Purdue Students

This spring LWVGL volunteered to partner with four students enrolled in the Introduction to Women’s Studies course to provide a service learning experience. The students choosing to learn about and work with the League were offered opportunities to attend the League Link Lunch, board and member meetings and public governmental meetings, interview League members who are current and former elected officials, and attend a showing of “Iron Jawed Angels”.

The experience culminated in a Purdue campus wide march on March 22 to celebrate Women’s History Month and commemorate the 1913 Women’s Suffrage March. The students assisted in the purchase of a new table cloth for LWVGL through a grant the class received from the Purdue Service Learning Initiative. The table cloth and signs the students made were prominent in the parade. Pay close attention and you may see the table cloth on our next voter registration table.

A special thanks goes to Taylor, Kiley, Emma and Yijie for learning about the League and sharing their time with us and to all the League members (15) who attended the march and walked with the League.

On April 12 at Stewart Center on Purdue’s Campus, the students in the service learning project through Women’s Studies showcased their experiences with the public and the Purdue Community. A successful event indeed!

### MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEAGUE IS EASY!

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

- \_\_\_ \$50 one year Individual Membership
- \_\_\_ \$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!

