



# The Voter

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

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## Participate in Concurrence session on a revision of LWVIN's Hazardous Waste position

On November 19, Greater Lafayette League members will meet to participate in the state concurrence on a revision of the "Hazardous Waste" position. (A *concurrence* is an agreement by League members with a position on an issue reached by a small group of members or by another League.)

Mandated by the LWVIN convention of 2007, the revision was prepared by a statewide review and study committee. Each local League may indicate full concurrence, partial concurrence, concurrence with a preference for change, or a lack of concurrence. The proposal may also be rejected. After the responses from local Leagues have been gathered in a comprehensive report (and if they are positive), the LWVIN board will write the position.

The national League position on Hazardous Waste, on which the 1983 state position depended, no longer exists as such, although most of the position statements are included in other national positions on environment, health and other national positions. The statewide restudy committee has reviewed and updated the definitions, and rules and regulations of the current LWVIN position. The proposed wording is formatted so that topics are readily

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**Concurrence session  
on Hazardous Waste  
Thursday, Nov 19, 2009  
7:00PM – 8:30PM**

At the home of Jean & Ron Andres, 1003 N. 21st St., Lafayette (On the east side of 21st between Union St. and Elmwood Ave., same lane as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church)

## 2009 Legislative Coffee offers opportunity to talk with legislators

League members and their guests are warmly invited to attend the League of Women Voters Legislative Coffee at the home of Patsy and Scott Hoyer, 3008 Wilshire Ave., West Lafayette, on **Thursday Dec. 3 at 7 pm**. This is a chance to interact informally with local legislators in advance of the upcoming session. Light refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP to Pat Corey** at 269-5239 or [pcorey@ivytech.edu](mailto:pcorey@ivytech.edu).

Directions: From the intersection of 52 and Salisbury in WL, turn right (north) onto Salisbury. At the next light, turn right (east) on Cumberland. Wilshire is the 2nd left, but to turn you must go past it and swing around the median. The Hoyers' home is the 3rd house on the left—lights will be on! The Hoyers' phone is 497-0103.





## How strong is our safety net?

**Find out at Dec 8 forum**

As part of our League's Local Government study, our committee members are learning about the availability of disaster services from governmental and not for profit agencies—weather, fire, hazardous waste, medical, etc.

In many situations there is widespread cooperation between emergency aid providers. We believe that the wider community should have a chance to learn and ask questions about these services.

Being good Leaguers, we have scheduled a public informational forum on **Tuesday, December 8 at 7pm** in the County Extension Building's large meeting room, 3150 Sagamore Parkway South in Lafayette.

Mark Kirby, director of Tippecanoe Emergency Management Association (TEMA) and Jeff Houston, supervisor with the TEAS ambulance service and either Purdue's police or fire chief will be on the panel. There will be a chance for audience questions.

It will be an interesting and eye opening evening. Please plan on attending. I hope to see you there.

—Jean Andres, Chair Local Government Study

## Get ready to celebrate—

### LWVGL 90th anniversary 1920-2010

#### Help write our history!



Our League, along with the LWVUS and the LWVIN, will observe a 90th birthday in 2010. February 14 is the official celebration, and activities throughout 2010 can be connected to this milestone. National and state are planning events and our League, as a founding League, will mark this occasion too.

The Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters was organized in April, 1920. Due to a national bylaws requirement, it was divided into the LWV of Lafayette and the LWV of West Lafayette in 1956. A second national League policy change in 1962 enabled the two Leagues to combine into the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette.

League members, the board needs your ideas and your help. Are you a historian? Do you love digging into the past? Is the history of women's suffrage one of your interests? Besides planning an official celebration, our League needs people who will research and write a history of our League, and people who will conduct oral histories with long time League members. We have archived materials from 1920 to 1988 and will soon be adding more materials. The history project can start in 2010 and continue for several years. If you are able to help, contact Betty Doversberger at [doversberger@comcast.net](mailto:doversberger@comcast.net) or by phone (765) 448-8880.

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accessible to the reader. To see the proposed wording, current wording and the rationale for the changes, see the LWVIN hazardous waste packet 090828b on the League members website [http://leaguelafayette.org/members\\_only.html](http://leaguelafayette.org/members_only.html).

Come to the meeting on the 19th and, if possible, bring a printed copy of the materials for the proposed revision. There will be some copies available at the meeting for those who do not have electronic access.

—Winnie Adler

## The League Membership Committee wants you!

We are excited to be convening a local membership committee this year. Everyone is welcome to join us at our first meeting to see if you might like to be a part of this group. We will be working together to recruit new members, welcome those who join and insure membership retention.

Enthusiasm for the League and interest in meeting new people are really the only criteria for this committee. We hope to include some long time members and some new ones, so we will have broad perspective.

Please come to Cathy Potter's home, 817 N. Chauncey in West Lafayette **on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7PM.** (You need to enter N. Chauncey from either Meridian or Stadium to go to Cathy's; this section of Chauncey is only two blocks long. Cathy's phone is 743-9804.)

Please contact Mary Lempke, Membership Chair, with any questions and to let her know that you plan to attend: [relempke@verizon.net](mailto:relempke@verizon.net) or 463-4019.

*The League Letter* is published bi-monthly. The editor is Kaye McSpadden. Please send your articles to [kaye7m@aol.com](mailto:kaye7m@aol.com).

## Fund Drive contributions are helping our League

We are grateful to those who have already responded to the League's 2009 fund drive. Contributions have started coming in, and will provide the necessary funds for LWVGL to continue the important work of making our democracy strong through an informed, involved citizenry.

Many thanks to the following donors:

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## Being Counted Counts

In 2010 the decennial census will be held, as required by the Constitution. In 2000, 72% of Tippecanoe County residents responded to the census.

Not counting all residents affects our community in multiple ways. A Complete Count Committee has been formed to ensure that as many residents as possible are counted in this census. The goal is to increase the percentage of respondents to 85% of all residents. LWVUS supports this activity, and LWVGL is participating in this effort.



### **Why should people fill out the census forms?**

1. It's easy—  
In 2010, the census will contain only 10 questions; it should take only about 10 minutes to fill it out. There is no long form.
2. It's safe—  
No social security numbers are required in filling out the forms. Individual data are not released, even to other government agencies, for 70 years. In 2010, you can finally get information about your grandparents from the 1940 census. Only aggregate data can be used until 2080. How safe is that?
3. It's important—  
Population data determine many possible benefits to the community. More than \$400 billion in federal grants is given out based on population. If we reach our goal of 85% of residents being counted, that additional 13% over the 2000 census percentage could bring as much as \$40 million into this community.  
Other decisions based on population include:
  - the drawing of federal Congressional districts
  - planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and other health services
  - corporate decisions on locating businesses and manufacturing plants
  - funding for social services and public services; and
  - public safety strategies.

### **Who should fill out the census forms?**

Everyone who lives in this county. That includes not only those with permanent residence status, but university students, temporary workers, and the homeless. The additional funding that a complete count can bring will help everyone in the county.

### **What can you do to help?**

If you are interested in being involved in the Complete Count Committee that is promoting participation in the census, contact Betty Doversberger at [edoversberger@comcast.net](mailto:edoversberger@comcast.net).

If you are too busy to be a committee member, you can help by talking to people from now until Census Day, April 1, 2010. Let them know how important it is for them to fill out the form and send it in. Add a tag line to your e-mails, urging everyone to be counted. LWVGL can help Tippecanoe County reach that goal of 85% participation.

—Betty Doversberger



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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- **Nov 16**—Board meeting
- **Nov 17**—Membership Committee meeting, Cathy Potter's home, 7PM
- **Nov 19**—Hazardous Waster Concurrence, Jean Andres' home, 7:00PM–8:30PM
- **Dec 3**—Legislative Coffee, Patsy Hoyers' home, 7PM
- **Dec 8**—Public Safety forum, County Extension Building, 7PM
- **Jan 30, 2010**—Legislative Breakfast
- **Feb 14**—LWV 90th birthday
- **May**—Annual Meeting

*Also coming in 2010—*

- Local Government Reform: Township Trustees and their Duties
- Local and National Program Planning

### ***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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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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