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Calendar

May

27 – LWVN Annual Meeting, 6:00 pm at City Club of Naperville, 1163 East Ogden (in the Iroquois Center)

June

4 – Band concert Ice Cream Social. Members, start your ovens! More information to come – this is an important fundraiser (and fundraiser) for the League!

12-14 Illinois State League Convention in Peoria. Contact Jane Barnes if you want to attend. Complete schedule on p. 6-7

President's Letter

This Voter focuses on materials for our Annual Meeting and the dinner following that honors the recipient of the 2009 Rosemary Martin Democracy in Action Award. (Who is it? See the Committee's report elsewhere in the Voter!)

We have some decisions to make and a lot to celebrate as we approach this important meeting. We review our support positions, adopt budget and program focuses, elect new officers and board members, and recognize a member of our community that has modeled active grassroots democracy in the past year. That's a tall order.

Please read carefully through the reports in this newsletter and come prepared to vote. The Board has tried to streamline the decision-making process so that we can enjoy dinner after the business meeting and allow people to get home at a comfortable hour. Each of you will be getting a call from a Board member urging you to take part in this important local "convention" and toast to democracy in Naperville. There will be some surprise rewards for your presence, both tangible and intangible! I hope you'll make your reservation right away! And consider bringing a friend!

In the nominating committee's report, you will see a huge vacancy: the position of treasurer. Bonnie Olson has filled that job for four years with such competence and cheerfulness that it's hard to visualize another person – you the reader, for example, - in that role. But please think about whether you could take on this important service to the League. There are helpful software programs and helpful people to make the job a little less daunting. But this is one job that needs one specific person to be the anchor for our financial operation. We could do without a president, perhaps, but we absolutely cannot function without a treasurer! Nominations from the floor may be made with permission of the nominee. My fingers and toes are crossed in hopes of a willing volunteer!

The bylaws also allow motions from the floor regarding program adoption. If you wish to suggest an additional action focus or program change, you must let the Board know by May 20 that you will be making that motion at the Annual Meeting.

One great piece of news that affects our budget for next year: The League will provide ice cream social goodies for the June 4 band concert in Central Park. Get out all your best recipes and hope for great weather!

See you all on May 27!

Jane Barnes



Reservations Recommended

*You are cordially invited to the Annual Meeting of the
League of Women Voters of Naperville!*

Wednesday, May 27

6:00 pm business session, dinner at 7:15

City Club of Naperville

1163 East Ogden Avenue

Troquois Center

RSVP to Jane Barnes, 630-820-0255 by Thursday, May 21

Select your entrée when you reserve your place:

Sicilian Chicken

Sliced Beef Sirloin

or

Italian Sausage Lasagna

All of the above include a garden salad, garlic mashed potatoes,
summer apple crisp dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages

A cash bar will be available.

Cost of \$25 includes tax and gratuity.

Please make your check payable to the League of Women Voters of Naperville.

Mail to: 7 S 279 Green Acres Drive

Naperville, IL 60540

**Your presence to honor this year's Rosemary Martin Democracy in Action award recipient
will be greatly appreciated!**

And the Winner is...

The Rosemary Martin Democracy in Action Award goes to *Naperville Community Television, Channel 17*. NCTV was chosen from the 4 nominations submitted this year by the Rosemary Martin Democracy in Action Committee, consisting of Dr. Alan Leis, Superintendent of Schools for District 203, Pamela Eldridge and Karin Snodgrass, both League members. The award will be presented to Elizabeth Spencer, Executive Director, following our Annual Meeting and dinner on Wednesday, May 27. Plan to attend!

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM
League of Women Voters of Naperville Annual Meeting
May 27, 2009

The Board recommends the following Program be adopted by the Annual Meeting:

Local Support Positions:

Retain all positions as written, with one exception.

Under LOCAL GOVERNMENT, restudy the position “Support for a change in the system of electing council members from an at-large to a hybrid mix with equal representation from the district and the at-large council members.”

Rationale: The issue has the possibility of becoming a matter for public discussion in the upcoming year. The position was adopted long enough in the past to be unfamiliar to current membership. This would weaken any League action that might be considered under the position in the event of heightened community focus. A new study will better reflect the thinking of the League’s membership in 2009.

When a study is adopted, a committee is formed to review all sides of an issue, gathering information and preparing summary position papers for consideration of the membership at a consensus meeting or through a concurrence process. While an issue is under study, no action may be taken on it in the name of the League.

Action Focuses:

Continue to survey financial aspects of voting technologies, the process of early voting, and other election concerns at the County level.

Review the overlapping relationships of government entities, focusing especially but not exclusively on townships.

Create opportunities for discussing the role of media coverage and reporting in the functioning of the democratic process.

Inquire into the relevant ordinances, practices, and training for local elected and appointed bodies with regard to conflict of interest, transparency, and other issues of ethics.

Action Focuses can take many forms, including public education programs, committee investigations and fact-finding, and advocacy, when based on standing positions at the local, state, or national level.
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LWV - Naperville				
Budget - April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009 & Proposed Budget for 2009/10				
		08-09 Proposed	08-09 Actual	09-10 Proposed
INCOME				
	Donations	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$150.00
	Dues	\$2,000.00	\$2,460.00	\$3,000.00
	Education fund	\$150.00	\$320.00	\$1,000.00
	Fundraising	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,115.00
	Interest Income.	\$250.00	\$302.00	\$150.00
	Transfer from Reserves (If necessary)	\$2,555.00	\$2,453.76	\$500.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$6,105.00	\$5,675.76	\$5,915.00
EXPENSES				
	TOTAL - Bulletin (Voter)	\$700.00	\$815.00	\$350.00
	Delegates and Travel			
	1. State/ National Conventions	\$2,000.00	\$1,273.00	\$1,200.00
	2. Other Meetings	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	TOTAL Delegates & Travel	\$2,100.00	\$1,273.00	\$1,300.00
	Financial Support for LWV (PMP)			
	1. National PMP (Per Member Payment)	\$1,000.00	\$1,141.00	\$1,450.00
	2. State PMP (Per Member Payment)	\$925.00	\$1,092.00	\$1,300.00
	TOTAL - Financial Support for LWV	\$1,925.00	\$2,233.00	\$2,750.00
	Operating Costs			
	1. Annual Meeting	\$200.00	(\$48.24)	\$110.00
	2. Board Expenses	\$175.00	\$241.00	\$200.00
	3. Insurance	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
	4. Membership Expenses	\$100.00	\$264.00	\$300.00
	5. President's Expense Account	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	TOTAL - Operating Costs	\$770.00	\$751.76	\$905.00
	Program Activities			
	1. Local Programs & Advocacy	\$200.00	\$108.00	\$200.00
	2. Website Hosting	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
	3. Democracy In Action Award(R. Martin)	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	TOTAL - Program Activities	\$510.00	\$268.00	\$460.00
	TOTAL-Voter Service&Educ.Programs	\$100.00	\$335.00	\$150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$6,105.00	\$5,675.76	\$5,915.00

2009 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

John Nolan, Chair; Bev Parker, Martha Nicosia

The following slate of officers and directors is presented for vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting. Those elected will serve a two year term, 2009 –2011.

Treasurer: No candidate
Vice President: Mary Wright
Directors: Jeff Knezovich
Karin Snodgrass
Diane McGuire

The Nominating Committee shall be elected for a one year term, 2009-2010:

Mary Ellen Barry (Chair)
Connie Burns
Megan Thorpe-Kavanagh

Nominations may be made from the floor with prior consent of the nominee.

The terms of the following positions continue until 2010

President - Jane Barnes
Secretary - Leslie Hayward (appointed to fill an open term due to resignation)
Director - Judy Brodhead

Members Start Your Ovens!



**JUNE 4
BAND CONCERT
ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!!**

**Chocolate cupcakes! Apple Crunch
Pie! Brownies! Hot Coffee!
Cool Lemonade!
Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble!
Popcorn!**

Stars Overhead and Crickets Chirping! Blankets and Lawn Chairs! John Philip Sousa! Have we got your attention yet?

The League has been selected to participate in Naperville Municipal Band Concert season by providing old-fashioned ice cream social desserts for concert goers at Central Park in downtown Naperville. The theme of our concert will be “March of Time.”

As many of you know, this can be a substantial fundraiser event for us – one we really need to support our activity and wish list. It’s also a lot of fun working together on that night and meeting the hungry populace! We will need both bakers and workers, so get out those cake, pie, and cookie recipes and be ready to answer the call of the soon-to-be-named committee!



League of Women Voters of Illinois State Convention
Friday, June 12 – Saturday June 14
Peoria, Illinois

All members welcome as delegates, alternates, visitors or helpers! Call Jane Barnes for more information. See below for the complete schedule.

LWVIL CONVENTION 2009 WEEKEND-IN-BRIEF
PLEASE NOTE: ALL VOTING WILL OCCUR ON SUNDAY

REGISTRATION Friday, starting at Noon for the Workshops and 4:00 for Convention
Saturday and Sunday starting at 7:30 am; closed during the sessions

WORKSHOPS Friday Pre-Convention: 1:00– 2:30, and 2:45 – 4:15

- ⌚ Make Sure You Count: 2010 Census and Redistricting (1:00 and 2:45)
- ⌚ Campaign Finance Reform (1:00 only)
- ⌚ Tax and Ethics Reform (1:00 only)
- ⌚ The New Media (1:00 only)
- ⌚ Taking Action on Issues (2:45 only)
- ⌚ Parliamentary Procedures (2:45 only)
- ⌚ Website Design (2:45 only)

Saturday Lunch Workshops: 12:15 – 1:45

- ⌚ President's Lunch: Being an Effective Local League President
- ⌚ LWV as Community Organizers: Working in Coalitions
- ⌚ Engaging our Members
- ⌚ Money Management for Board Leaders
- ⌚ Voters Service Nuts and Bolts

Caucus Schedule: as arranged by local Leagues and Committee Chairs.

PLENARY SESSIONS Saturday Morning

- ⌚ Roll Call of Leagues
- ⌚ Budget, PMP and Bylaws Motions
- ⌚ Nominating Committee Report
- ⌚ Discussion and Debate Begins

Saturday Afternoon

- ⌚ Recommended Program Motions
- ⌚ Introduction and Consideration of Non-Recommended Program Items
- ⌚ Introduction of Will of Convention Motions
- ⌚ Discussion and Debate Continues

Sunday Morning

- ⌚ Discussion & Votes on all motions
- ⌚ Election of the 2009-2011 Board
- ⌚ Directions to the Board

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State Convention Schedule, continued

Throughout The Plenary Sessions

- 🕒 Executive Director's Report, Member Services, Development, Communications, Voter Service and Issues Committee Reports
- 🕒 President's Report
- 🕒 Q&A sessions on recommended and not-recommended items will be scheduled

FUN STUFF FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 🕒 Optional Tour of Peoria and Reception

FRIDAY EVENING:

- 🕒 Community Impact Award; Spotlight on League Achievement;
- 🕒 Speaker: Amanda Vinicky, Statehouse Reporter, IL Public Radio; League Awards

SATURDAY EVENING:

- 🕒 Speaker: Frank Mackaman, Director, Dirksen Center and Political Humorist
- 🕒 Carrie Chapman Catt Leadership Award

SILENT AUCTION

- 🕒 FRIDAY – SATURDAY EVENING IN DINNER ROOM

STATE BOARD HOSPITALITY SUITE NIGHTLY TILL 11:00 pm

AND MORE... TIPS FOR FIRST-TIME DELEGATES

- 🕒 Friday evening and Saturday morning

MEET WITH OUR PARLIMENTARIAN

- 🕒 Friday, Saturday and Sunday

PUBS AND WARES Daily

The state convention is a fast-paced, action-packed way to meet new faces, renew old friendships, hear interesting speakers, shop, dine, celebrate and participate in the critical business of conducting state League business. Our League has budgeted to pick up some of the expenses (depending on how many want to go and for how long). Let Jane know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Peoria is waiting for you!

Visit Our Website: <http://www.naperville.il.lwv.org/>



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