



Bulletin

" . . . we are going to be a semi-political body. In that body we have got to be non-partisan and all-partisan."
~Carrie Chapman Catt, 1920

League of Women Voters of Indianapolis
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Notes from LWV-US:

Support legislation that would curtail pollution

LWV-US is urging our senators to strengthen and support S. 2191, America's Climate Security Act, which would establish the basic framework that is necessary to curtail the pollution that is causing climate change.

LWV receives considerable coverage on ethics reform

The League expressed serious concerns over the recent House vote to create an Office of Independent Ethics, whose investigators will lack crucial subpoena power. The League's concerns were highlighted by media outlets across the country.

Newsletter Submissions may be sent to the editor, Carol Fowler

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Meeting and Event Information

Lunch with LWV

Friday 18 April Guest: Rob Stone, Physicians for a National Health Program and Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan
Noon, Double Eagle Cafeteria,
Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian

LWV-Indiana State Council

April 25, 26 Ball State University, Muncie

LWV-Indy Evening Coffee Klatch

Monday 28 April Marian College Library
7:00 PM 3200 Cold Spring Road

LWV-Indianapolis Annual Meeting

Saturday 3 May MCL Cafeteria Northwest,
86th and Township Line Road
10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Reservations due by **April 25**, please see page 2 for details and **reservation form**.

Lunch with LWV

Friday 16 May Guest to be announced
Noon, Double Eagle Cafeteria,
Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian

Future Lunches with LWV

Friday 20 June Noon, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian
Friday 18 July
Friday 15 August

Future LWV-Indianapolis Board Meetings

Wednesday 7 May 7 P.M. North UMC, 3808 N. Meridian

The League of Women Voters is a time-tested nonpartisan, nonprofit, volunteer political organization, dedicated to promoting active and informed participation in government - from the school district to the nation, and from voter registration to public service. Although LWV sometimes advocates for or against issues, it never supports or opposes particular candidates.

LWV Indianapolis Annual Meeting:

Saturday, 3 May 2007, 10:00 am

Speaker: Louis Mahern

MCL Cafeteria, 2370 West 86th Street

Annual Meeting

We are preparing for Annual Meeting, the yearly business meeting, lunch, and program of LWV-Indianapolis.

Our guest speaker for Annual Meeting will be Louis Mahern. Louis Mahern was elected to the Indiana Senate in 1976 and served Indianapolis until 1992. Earlier he served in Washington D.C. as an aide to Senator Birch Bayh and Congressman Andy Jacobs. He has been a candidate for the mayor in Indianapolis, served on the White River State Park Commission and the board of the Indiana State Museum Foundation. He was on the Marion County Library Board until March on 2008. Louis has served our city for many years and in many ways.

For our meeting he will be speaking as a member of the Governor's Commission on Local Government Reform. Louis spoke at the LWV

President's Day meeting and we wanted to share this information with all of our Indianapolis League members.

Please see business reports for consideration at the meeting beginning on page 4 of this *Bulletin*.

Saturday 3 May 2007
10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
(Sign-in opens at 9:30)
\$16

Why not write your check right now? The cost is sixteen dollars per person, and payment should be mailed in time to arrive by April 25th. Visitors are always welcome. Just complete the form below, add your payment, and mail it in today!

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Annual Meeting Reservation Form:

Due by April 25, 2008

Please make check payable to LWV-Indianapolis

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Number of people of attending: _____ x \$16 per person = \$ _____ enclosed

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Please mail check with this form to:
LWV Indianapolis
c/o North United Methodist Church
3808 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208-4019

Lunch With LWV

Purpose:

to inform us as citizens and voters

Place:

Double Eagle Café
inside Scottish Rite Cathedral
650 N Meridian St, Indianapolis

Date:

3rd Fridays

Time:

12 NOON – 1 P.M.

Parking:

Free in the lot west of the building, accessed from North Street

Plan:

Come through the cafeteria line any time after 11:30, buy your meal, and join us in the Truman Room to eat, listen, and discuss.

Friday, 18 April Lunch with LWV

In April, our third-Friday lunches return to Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, and you won't want to miss this one!

Our speaker is Rob Stone, State Coordinator, Indiana Chapter, Physicians for a National Health Program, Director, Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan (www.hchp.info/) and LWV member.

The speaker is introduced about 12:15, and we dismiss promptly at 1:00. Parking is free in the lot west of the building, accessed off North St. Invite a friend, and join us!

Spring for Dues

One of our League's two annual membership renewal dates is May 31st. Please check your *Bulletin* label and send in your renewal check if your dues are due! As you will observe from the proposed budget elsewhere in this publication, next year, after state and national PMP (per-member payments), LWV-Indianapolis will keep only about \$8 of each person's \$50.00 dues – not enough to print and mail newsletters, much less to rent meeting rooms and send delegates to Council or Convention. Right now, member contributions beyond dues are helping to prevent our having to conduct major fundraising. We appreciate this support and thank each of the donors.

Prepare Yourself for Candidate Forums and Debates

As we all prepare for this year's election cycle, the League will inevitably host or moderate candidate forums. At official League forums, questions related to national, state, and local positions will naturally be asked. But the League cannot be involved in every candidate forum taking place across the city . . . and that's where you come in!

All Leaguers are encouraged to attend candidate forums and debates regardless of who sponsors them. When attending these events, remember to ask questions of League importance. Ask about D.C. voting rights, campaign finance reform, reproductive choice, health care, natural resource management, child care, and gun control. By visiting the League's Web sites, reading up on positions, and checking out links on "how to be a savvy observer," (www.lwvin.org) you can get even more out of candidate forums and debates. Just remember that while you are encouraged to attend forums and ask League-inspired questions, you should indicate that while a proud Leaguer, you are not officially representing the League with your questions.

LWV Evening Coffee Klatch

Mark your calendar and join the discussion on Monday, 28 April at 7:00 PM. Come discuss League and personal political interests for 60-90 minutes, inside Marian College's library, 3200 Cold Spring Rd, Indianapolis.

For our final Coffee Klatch of the year, we will be discussing health care reform ideas. There is free parking in the lot south of the library. Purchase your favorite warm beverage from the library coffee shop just inside the west entrance door and then join us upstairs, where the furniture is more comfortable! (A map and directions can be found at www.marian.edu.)

Joining the League of Women Voters

Yes, I would like to become a member of the League of Women Voters for an annual fee of \$50.00.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

My annual dues of \$50.00 are enclosed.

I am a new member. Yes _____ No _____

I am a renewing member. Yes _____ No _____

(All members receive the *Bulletin* several times a year as well as other League literature and information.)

Scholarships/reduced dues are available for student memberships please contact the League.

Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$ _____ to help the League of Women Voters make a positive impact on voting, citizenship and democracy.

Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$ _____ to help provide student member scholarships.

Below is the name and address/phone number of a prospective League member.

I expect to be an active member _____, an occasional participant _____ or a supporter _____.

Date: _____

I would like to be contacted to assist with (*circle all preferences*):

National Issues	State Issues	Regional/Local Issues	Lobbying
Health Issues	Letter Writing	Membership	International Issues
Research	Education Issues	Welfare Issues	Environmental Issues
Election Issues	Fundraising	Observer Corps	Ridesharing

For more information about the League of Women Voters, please call (317) 767-4187.

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Forwarding and Address Correction Requested

Join us!

Lunch with LWV Apr. 18, May 16

Annual Meeting May 3