



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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City-County Council Candidate Forums

Northwest/West Districts 1, 6, 7, 14 and 15

Thursday 27 September Northwest High School
7:00 – 9:00 PM 5525 W. 34th Street, 46224

East/Southeast Districts 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 25

Tuesday 2 October Ralph Waldo Emerson School 58
7:00 – 9:00 PM 321 N. Linwood Ave., 46201

At Large Councillors

Thursday 4 October Indiana History Center
7:00 – 9:00 PM 450 W. Ohio Street, 46202

North/Northeast Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 12

Tuesday 9 October Washington Park North
7:00 – 9:00 PM 2706 Kessler Blvd., West Drive, 46228

South/Southwest Districts 13, 19, 22, 23 and 24

Wednesday 10 October Emmerich Manual High School
7:00 – 9:00 PM 2405 Madison Ave., 46225

Other LWV Meetings and Events

LWV-Indiana Every Member Workshop

Saturday 20 October South Bend, Indiana

General Meeting

Thursday 15 November Immigration Program
7:00 – 9:00 PM North UMC, 3808 N. Meridian

Future Lunches with LWV

Friday 19 October Guests to be announced
Friday 16 November Noon, Double Eagle Cafeteria, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian

LWV-Indy Evening Coffee Klatch

Monday 22 October Marian College Library Coffee Shop
7:00 PM 3200 Cold Spring Road

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.

Candidate Forums

From September 27 through October 10, the League of Women Voters of Indianapolis will be conducting candidate forums for the upcoming election of Indianapolis City-County Council.

The dates, locations and districts included in each forum are listed on page 1 of this bulletin. Please be sure to attend the forum for your council district. If you are unable to attend, Channel 16, WCTY, is planning to tape each forum for broadcast during October.

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of the candidate forums, please contact the League (email: LWVIndy@att.net or voicemail: 767-4187).

City-County Council Districts

If you are unsure of your council district, one resource is the city's website. Go to www.indygov.org → Local Government → Council → then click on Councillors. Click on "Who's My Councillor" in the left column. This will provide a form to enter your address and search. The website will provide you with a list of your elected officials, your council district and contact information.

Help by telephone is available at party headquarters, as well as at various governmental offices.

Democrat Headquarters, Marion County:
637-3366

Libertarian Headquarters, Marion County:
490-1469

Republican Headquarters, Marion County:
635-8881

Board of Voter Registration, Marion Co.:
327-5040

Election Board, Marion County:
327-5100

City-County Council Office:
327-4242

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.

LWV Coffee Klatch

Join us for this new opportunity for evening conversation with members and friends. Come discuss League and personal political interests for 60-90 minutes at the Marian College library and coffee shop, 3200 Cold Spring Rd, Indianapolis. There is ample free parking in the adjacent lot. (For map and directions, please see www.marian.edu.)

From LWV-US

Participate in the Discussion – Join a Discussion List Today!

Do you have some concerns about the state of our civil liberties? Or want to discuss natural resource issues with other League members? Then JOIN a League discussion e-mail list today! Some additional topics include campaign finance reform, healthcare, and immigration. To see all the great discussions that you can participate in, visit the "Get Involved" area of the "For Members" section on www.lwv.org. You will need to log in to access and sign up for these discussion lists. Remember to log in you use your email address as your "username" and the password you've created.

Observer Corps

As our local program thrust for the current year, Leaguers are looking in on more public meetings. We all know that “you can expect what you inspect,” but it is difficult to track the various dimensions of governmental operation. Thus, Leaguers are making a renewed effort to put on a LWV button and to take a seat in the front row when possible, serving as the eyes and ears of John Q. Public. About ten of us are ready to go. Won’t you come, too?

There are some guidelines: Observers may go alone or in pairs. They keep silent except for courteous introductions or responses. Each takes notes and then makes a brief report of the meeting observed. Buttons will be available at our NUMC mailbox or via Karen Kay Leonard (call 253-0403 or e-mail her at kkbleonard@att.net).

Visiting Township Advisory Boards is an obvious priority.

Some committee priorities include these from City-County Council:

- Administration
- Metropolitan Development
- Public Safety/Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement Control
- County Election Board
- Capital Improvement Board

If you have not already completed the interest form (below), do it today and the group will help you to arrange an observation before the snow flies. Of course, observers’ concerns and realizations will be shared with the rest of the League.

League of Women Voters of Indianapolis Observer Volunteer Form 2007-08

Yes, I’d like to participate in the League’s Observer Project.

(Please complete this form and return it via email to kkbleonard@sbcglobal.net or via postal mail to Observer Corps, LWV- Indianapolis, 3808 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46208.)

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: H _____ W _____ M _____

Agency:

I know which governmental committee/board I’d like to observe.

Name of committee/board _____

Scheduled meeting time and place _____

I’d like help choosing a group to observe.

I’ll go where needed.

I’d like to monitor meetings via Channel 16 or online.

Areas of interest:

- township government
- schools
- libraries
- elections
- public safety
- finance and budgets
- economic development
- other (please specify) _____

Times:

- only during the day
- only in the evening
- as needed
- I’d like to attend with another League member.
- I’ll need transportation.
- I’ll attend a meeting alone.

Location:

- anywhere in the county
- specific part(s) of town (please specify) _____

