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LWVIC Annual Meeting Monday, May 15

5:00 pm Dinner & Presentation of Peggy Clark
Environmental Awards

6:00 Business Meeting & Election of Officers & Directors

7:00 pm Program—Amy Brazill, Fair Districts PA
Park Inn, 1395 Wayne Avenue, Indiana

Cost: \$30

Guests are welcome; **RSVP is required for both the dinner and the program**

RSVP by May 10 to Sandy Whitson

email to swhitson8@comcast.net; phone 724-463-7205; or with payment (check made out to LWVIC) to 402 Elm Street, Indiana, PA 15701 or pay at the door

Following is the local program which will be voted on at the business meeting:

The **Voter Services Committee** will publish Voters' Guides, coordinate nonpartisan voter registration events, hold candidate nights, provide membership updates on legislation related to voting and elections, and provide education on redistricting.

The **Environmental Issues Committee** will continue to explore resources relating to energy, economics, ethics, and public health. They will continue to partner with the County and other organizations to do outreach and education, with the goal of implementing recommendations to develop local jobs using sustainable energy sources. The group continues to benefit from collaboration with the Straight Scoop on Shale project, a Pittsburgh-based League initiative which monitors new legislation and research on the effects of drilling for unconventional natural gas, with special emphasis on health effects.

The **Child Advocacy Committee on Education** will monitor emerging issues, activities, and policies related to the welfare of children in Indiana County. This committee will advocate for public policy based on established positions and will promote annual events designed to educate and improve the quality of life for children. In addition, the committee will identify the best practices of education funding in PA focusing on the needs of rural communities in Indiana County.

The **Civic Participation Committee** will continue working to increase diversity in elected and appointed officials and raise awareness of the duties of elected officials to those considering public service. It will also encourage attendance at public meetings to ensure that government agencies and elected officials are fulfilling their responsibility to be transparent and accountable to the citizenry and to build awareness of current issues in the County.

Additional program items can be suggested from the floor.

**League of Women Voters of Indiana County Budget
July 1, 2017 — June 30, 2018**

I. INCOME	
A. Dues 55 members @ \$55	\$ 3025.00
3 family members (6 @ \$82.50)	247.50
B. Contributions	500.00
C. Projects/ Other Sources	2500.00
D. Transfers from Checking Account	452.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$6725.00
II. EXPENDITURES	
A. General Administration	
1. President	\$ 20.00
2. Board Tools/Expenses	100.00
3. Administrative Committees	
a. Membership/Activities	100.00
b. Publicity/External Communications	200.00
4. Operating Costs	
a. General Supplies	50.00
b. Insurance	75.00
c. Web Page	250.00
B. Delegates/Travel/Affiliations	
1. State/National Conventions	850.00
2. Workshops	100.00
3. Annual Meeting (Local)	500.00
4. Board Planning	100.00
C. Financial Support	
1. National \$31/ member	1900.00
2. State \$20/member	1330.00
D. Program and Activities	
1. Publication Purchases	100.00
2. Bulletin	100.00
3. Action/Legislative Interviews	50.00
E. Committees	
1. Environmental Issues	200.00
2. Education	300.00
3. Voter Services	100.00
F. Misc.	50.00
G. Awards	150.00
H. Fundraising	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6725.00

**Report from the
2016-17
Nominating Committee**

The slate of nominees for two year terms beginning July 1, 2017:

President: Vicki Stelma

Secretary: Dreama VanCise-Watta

Board Members: Ellen Chinn, Aida Shotts, Anne Simmons, Kay Snyder

Additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

Attention LWVIC members—If you are interested in becoming a board member or running for an officer position, please contact the nominating committee (Beth Marshall, Susan McClure, Kay Snyder). In addition, 1 year appointments to the board are available for interested members who would like to become more involved on a short term basis.

Serving on the board is a rewarding experience and a great way to contribute to the creation of a fair, vibrant, and strong community. League is an ever-present and trusted source of nonbiased, highly researched information and an organization that brings civility and respect to the political process. Help us keep it strong and effective.

GARAGE SALE TO BE HELD MAY 6 & 7

We are once again holding our Annual Garage Sale fundraiser but at a different venue this year. We are sharing space and resources with the Humane Society's *Dawg Gone Flea Market at Mack Park/Indiana Co. Fairgrounds*. The dates are **Saturday, May 6 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm** and **Sunday, May 7 from 12:00-4:00 pm** (which will be the \$5 bag sale).

We will need to borrow tables and clothes racks, which will be returned after the sale (or not if you want to donate them), so if you have card tables or any other kind of folding tables, or clothes racks, please bring them to the Mack Park location on April 28 or contact Ellen Chinn at ellenchinn371@hotmail.com or 724-388-1412 and pick up will be arranged.

We will be accepting donations **April 28 & 29 and May 2, 3, & 4 from 9:00 am-noon** at the Mack Park location near the grandstands. We will accept almost anything: nicer, gently used clothes, books, CDs, DVDs, tools, household items, sheets, blankets, towels, curtains, shoes, small electronics and appliances (if they work and have all necessary cables/cords), baskets, craft supplies, jewelry, stationery, toys, children's stuff, and whatever else you have that you think might sell. If you have trouble getting to the fairgrounds during these times, please let Ellen Chinn know, and she will arrange for pick up.

During the drop-off times, we will need volunteers to help sort and price items. We also need people to work the sale on Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Olga Platt at 724-465-2073 or epop325@comcast.net to volunteer.

Please help in whatever way you can. This is (hopefully) our only fundraiser of the year, so go through your belongings, spring clean, downsize, organize, and donate. Don't forget to hit up friends and neighbors, relatives and organizations. And, of course, volunteer if you are able. Thank you in advance for making this a successful cooperative venture with hopes of a continued partnership with the Humane Society.

THRIVE: Sustainable Economy Summit

Friday, April 21, 2017

9:00 am - 4:30 pm (Doors open 8:30 am)

Rustic Lodge, 2199 Oakland Ave, Indiana PA, 15701

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch).

Open to the public. No charge for students.

For more information and to register: <http://conta.cc/2mbeixM>

The Sustainable Economy Summit will inform you about types of renewable energy, energy efficiency and other aspects of the sustainable economy, and help communities start to plan and implement sustainable development.

Speakers include the following: Dr. Terrence Collins - Green Chemistry- the transformation to healthy manufacturing; Dan Boone - Innovations in Wind Power; Hannah Smith-Brubaker, Executive Director PA Association of Sustainable Agriculture (former PA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture)

The panel on Eco-Tourism includes the following: Joe Pizarchik, recent Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for the U.S. Department of the Interior; Dr. Patricia DeMarco, author of *Pathways to a Sustainable Future*; Mario Leone, Jr., Monaca Borough Manager, award-winner for planning, getting grants, and implementing sustainable projects - saving Monaca money!

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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 17—Last day to register for the Primary

Friday, April 21, 9:00 am—4:30 pm (Doors open at 8:30) - THRIVE Sustainable Economy Summit, Rustic Lodge (2199 Oakland Ave.) (see page 3 for details)

Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6—Annual Garage Sale, Mack Park (see page 3 for details)

Tuesday, May 9—Harrisburg Lobby Day (see fairdistrictspa.com for details)

Monday, May 15, 5:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm program—Annual Meeting, Park Inn (1395 Wayne Avenue, Indiana) (see page 1 for details)

Tuesday, May 16—Primary Election

Thursday, June 1—Sunday, June 4—LWVPA Convention, the Inn at Pocono Manor

Know someone who may be interested in membership? Let President Vicki Stelma know at 724-599-9225, and she will send a brochure & short letter describing LWVIC's activities.

Our Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.