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## LWVIC Seeking Nominations for Second Environmental Leadership Award

The League of Women Voters of Indiana County is asking for nominations for the second annual Peggy Clark Grassroots Environmental Leadership Award. The award will recognize local citizens, groups, or businesses who show exemplary leadership and active participation in policy issues that involve protecting or preserving our environment. It promotes citizens working within the system at the local level to make a change for a better world.

Candidates for the award should demonstrate grassroots leadership in the following areas:

- Preservation and/or protection of the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the eco-system and maximum protection of public health and the environment
- Grassroots activism to preserve or protect natural resources

This leadership can take a variety of forms including, but not limited to the following:

- New or innovative technology to prevent degradation of our environment
- Activities that show a direct positive effect on our environmental resources
- Activities of notable stewardship of the environment
- Activities that reduce pollution in order to protect our water, air, and land
- Activities that reduce water pollution from both point and non-point sources
- Development of policies to achieve water quality essential for maintaining species populations and diversity

Nominations can be submitted by citizens or groups, or individuals can self-nominate.

The award will be presented at the League of Women Voters of Indiana County annual meeting on May 14, 2013. **The deadline for application submission is April 1, 2013.** Contact Sherene Hess, president of the LWVIC to obtain an application. Address: 234 Geesey Rd., Indiana, PA 15701. Email: [lwwic@verizon.net](mailto:lwwic@verizon.net). Phone: 724-762-4162.

## SAVE THE DATE! LWVIC ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, May 14**

**Indiana Fire Association's White Township Station (155 Indian Springs Road, Indiana)**

## LWVIC Proposed Budget July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014

### I. Income

A. Dues (61 members @ \$55)	\$ 3355.00
B. Contributions:	
1. Member	400.00
2. Non-Member	300.00
C. Projects/ Other Sources	1850.00
D. Other Sales	425.00
E. Grants and other income	2000.00

**Total Income: \$8330.00**

### II Expenditures

A. General Administration	
1. President	\$ 20.00
2. Board Tools/Expenses	150.00
3. Administrative Committees	
a. Membership	30.00
b. Publicity	40.00
4. Operating Costs	
a. General Supplies	50.00
b. Insurance	125.00
c. Web Page	350.00
B. Delegates/Travel/Affiliations	
1. State/National Conventions	\$700.00
2. Workshops	100.00
3. Annual Meetings (Local)	150.00
4. Board Planning	100.00
C. Financial Support	
1. National \$31/ member	1891.00
2. State \$20/member	1220.00
D. Program and Activities	
1. Publication Purchases	100.00
2. Bulletin	
a. Supplies	100.00
b. Postage	150.00
3. Voters Service	100.00
4. Action	
a. Legislative Interviews	25.00
b. Action	29.00
E. Committees	
1. Environmental Issues	100.00
2. Diversity	50.00
3. Education	100.00
4. Human Services Action	150.00
5. Library Issues	50.00
6. Other Programs	100.00
F. Misc/Scholarship	100.00
G. Awards	100.00
H. Fund Raising	400.00
I. Grants (Colcom)	2000.00

**Total Expenses: \$8330.00**

## Report from the 2013 Nominating Committee

The slate of nominees for two year terms beginning July 1, 2013 are as follows:

President: Sherene Hess

Secretary: Tina Zins

Board Members: Carol Maderer, Ann Rea, Cindy Rogers, Aida Shotts, and Vicki Stelma

2014 Nominating Committee: Donna Cash-dollar and Marilyn Dilg

The election of officers and board will be held at the May 14, 2013 Annual Meeting; 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. There are open board spots and options for one year term appointments, as well. Serving on the board is a rewarding experience and a great way to contribute to the creation of a fair, vibrant, and strong community. Our work makes a difference not only today but for future generations. The 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.

**LWVIC nominee Pepita Jimenez-Jacobs will be recognized at the Leader's Circle Female Civic Leader Award dinner on April 11 at 6:00 pm at the Chestnut Ridge. Contact Sherene Hess if you would like to attend.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH VOTER REGISTRATION

This spring the LWVIC has planned two voter registration opportunities. Encouraging people to vote is an important part of our mission, and it is a rewarding experience to register new voters and talk to concerned citizens.

**Please consider helping out by volunteering to register voters at one or both of these drives:**

Wednesday, April 10, Wyotech Blairsville, 11 am—1 pm, or 1 pm—3 pm, or 3 pm—4:30 pm

Saturday, April 13, Indiana Mall, 10 am—12 pm or 12 pm—2 pm

If you are available for either of the drives listed above, please email or call Karen Ross at [ross.bert1@gmail.com](mailto:ross.bert1@gmail.com) or 724-349-0348.

### LWVIC Garage Sale Fundraiser Set for May

Our annual fundraiser is coming on Saturday, May 4 (with the bag sale to follow on Saturday, May 11). **Start saving your donations**, and ask friends and neighbors for their recyclable castoffs. We sell books, clothes, household items, plants, and furniture. Drop offs of donations at 527 Shryock Avenue will begin April 29 and continue through the week. **Volunteers are needed to set up during the week preceding the sale as well as to work the sale.**

Call Susan McClure, 724-463-8252, to sign up.

### A Note from Our Treasurer

At the January dinner meeting, those attending generously donated monies to the PALWV Phonathon. Each year the PA League conducts a fundraising event which involves board members from Leagues across the state calling their members to ask for donations to the state League. This money is used to help fund PALWV activities. For several years LWVIC has contributed to this fundraising effort by “passing the hat” at our January (and May) membership meetings. This January, we collected \$480 to be donated to PALWV. Thanks to all of you who donated.

### March is National Women’s History Month

2013 Theme

Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination:

Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

<http://www.nwhp.org/whm/index.php>

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## CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, March 18, 2013, 7:00 pm**—Board Meeting, All Members Welcome, Location to be determined

**Monday, April 1, 2013**—Deadline for nominations for the Peggy Clark Grassroots Environmental Leadership Award

**Monday, April 22, 2013**—Last day to register to vote before the primary

**Saturday, May 4, 2013**—LWVIC Annual Garage Sale (527 Shryock Avenue, Indiana) **(May 11, Bag Sale)**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2013**—LWVIC Annual Meeting, Indiana Fire Association's White Township Station (1555 Indian Springs Road, Indiana)

**June 7, 8, 9, 2013**—LWVPA Biennial Convention, Lewisburg

Know someone who may be interested in membership? Let President Sherene Hess know at 724-762-4162, 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.*