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Legislative Breakfasts to be Held

Each year LWVIC organizes meetings with our state legislators. These meetings are usually held in February and are **open to all members and their guests.**

This is a great opportunity to learn where our legislators stand on specific issues, to get a sense of what legislation might be introduced in a new session, to plant seeds of interest on issues that our legislators might not be familiar with, and to help our League build relationships with these leaders.

Questions are developed by LWVPA and forwarded to our legislators by LWVIC. Questions cover a range of topics, and this year's questions focus on election law, education, and social services.

The first legislative breakfast has been scheduled with Representative Dave Reed for Friday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m. at Eat' n Park in Indiana. (As additional breakfasts are scheduled, details will be emailed to members, so stay tuned.)

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Aida Shotts at abshotts@gmail.com or 724-354-3482.

League Members Educated on Obamacare

On Tuesday, January 29, LWVIC hosted our annual potluck dinner and program. This year members and guests were educated on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

Joining the discussion were Erin Ninehouser from the PA Health Access Network, Dreama Van Cise-Watta, MSN, RN and member of the LWVIC board, and Janice Horn, health care specialist for the LWVUS.

Those in attendance were introduced to a timeline of the legislation as well as general information regarding how to be your own healthcare advocate. In addition, the LWVUS position on healthcare was presented, and some of the actual ins and outs of the law itself were explained.

Check out the following for more information: www.healthcare.gov, www.pahealthaccess.org, and www.lwv.org/content/health-care

LWVUS Collaborating with No Labels Initiative

Recently, leaders from LWVUS attended a forum sponsored by *No Labels*, a bipartisan group dedicated to bridging the gap of partisan politics. (See <http://www.lwv.org/blog/commitment-collaboration> for more information.)

Launched in 2010, in their own words, “*No Labels* is a movement of Democrats, Republicans and everything in between dedicated to the politics of problem-solving. We stand united behind a simple proposition: we want our government to stop fighting and start fixing. We are citizens, public and private sector leaders, and current and former elected officials.”

Visit www.nolabels.org to learn more about the organization and such background issues as the filibuster or the line-item veto as well as primary elections and single issue pledges that politicians sign—all from a nonpartisan perspective.

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>

***Happy 93rd Birthday
League of Women Voters!***



Wildlife Program to be Held

We have all heard of diseases infecting Pennsylvania wildlife, and we wonder...Could our wildlife be wiped out? Is the disease in our area? Can this disease be passed to humans? Can we eat the meat? How can we identify a sick animal?

On Friday, March 15, Evergreen Conservancy is sponsoring “Diseases Affecting Pennsylvania Wildlife.” Wildlife Conservation Officer Patrick Snickles will discuss this issue and answer these questions beginning at 7 pm at Blue Spruce Lodge. The Conservancy will also give an update of their activities at this time, and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Bob Lankard (lankard@comcast.net, 724-463-8138).

LWWIC Seeking Nominations for Environmental Leadership Award

The League of Women Voters of Indiana County is currently seeking nominations for the Peggy Clark Grassroots Environmental Leadership Award. The award recognizes grassroots citizens, groups or businesses who show exemplary leadership and active participation in policy issues that involve protecting or preserving our environment. (See the December 2012 Voter for complete details.)

Nominations can be submitted by citizens or groups, or individuals can self-nominate. **The deadline for application submission is April 1, 2013.** Contact Sherene Hess, President of the LWWIC to obtain an application. Address: 234 Geesey Road, Indiana, PA 15701. Email: lwwic@verizon.net. Phone: 724-465-5056.

Multimedia Exhibition to be Held

From February 2 through March 16, the University Museum in Sutton Hall will exhibit **In Sisterhood: The Women's Movement in Pittsburgh** and **Bridge Builders**.

These concurrent multimedia exhibitions illustrate the rise of movements for gender and racial equality in politics, labor organizations, and civic life in western Pennsylvania.

A 6 O'Clock Series panel discussion will be held on Monday, February 18 from 6:00-7:30 in the Ohio room of the Hadley Union Building at IUP. Barbara Hafer, who is featured in the exhibit, will be a part of the panel.

Great Decisions 2013

Challenge yourself in the new year by learning about eight of today's most pressing global issues. Participate in the Great Decisions Lecture/Discussion Series on Tuesday mornings from 9:30—11:30 a.m. beginning on February 5.

Join with friends to hear expert speakers from IUP in the comfortable setting of St. Andrew's Village Community Room. A briefing book on issues and questions is prepared by the nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association. (See www.fpa.org.) This year's topics include the following: **Future of the Euro, Egypt, NATO, Myanmar and Southeast Asia, Intervention, Iran, China in Africa, and Threat Assessment.**

For further information and a registration brochure contact IUP Continuing Education (724-357-2292). Information is also available online at <http://www.iup.edu/continuing/>.

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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 14, 2013—Happy 93rd Birthday
League of Women Voters

Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 7:00 pm—Board Meeting,
All Members Welcome, Karen Ross's home (341 Ann Cir-
cle)

Saturday, March 2, 2013, 10:00 am—3:00 pm—Family
Fun Fest, Indiana Mall

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 be-
fore the primary

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

Know someone who
may be interested in
membership? Let
President Sherene
Hess know at 724-
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will send a brochure
& short letter de-
scribing 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.