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**Want to help GROW the LEAGUE? Participate in a  
MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT TRAINING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010, 9:30 A.M. TO 3:45 P.M.  
at the Heritage Hotel, Lancaster, PA**

The League is an organization that works to **promote** governmental transparency, **strengthen** America's international relations, **protect and conserve** our natural resources, and **secure** social and economic justice for all citizens. That's an extraordinary list of tasks!

Fortunately, members need not be superheroes to make a difference in the League. The best members are simply citizens who care about making democracy work for EVERYONE.

As the workload grows, **so must our membership grow** if we are truly going to make democracy work.

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania is pleased to be a part of the LWVUS membership recruitment initiative. Over the past 4 years, records have proven the success of this program in many states across the nation.

The LWVPA is offering the workshop for those who would like to put their energy and time into increasing the membership of the League.

During the Oct. 16 session you will learn how Leagues are presenting

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## Trivia, but not so trivial!

What do these pictures represent in the history of the women's suffrage movement?

See bottom of page 2 for answers!



**News from the  
Environmental Issues Committee  
Marcellus Shale Summit at IUP  
November 3-5**

The LWVIC will participate in the IUP Conference, **Marcellus Shale and a Sustainable Future: Balancing Energy, the Economy, and the Environment**, on Friday evening, November 5.

Following a showing of the film *Gasland* at the Indiana Theater in downtown Indiana, President Sherene Hess will moderate a panel discussion with League member Mary Beth Sweeney participating as one of the panelists. Cindy Rogers, League member, will also be presenting at 11:00 am on Thursday, November 4.

The event begins earlier in the week with a full slate of speakers from the region's universities, industry, elected officials, environmental protection groups, and others on Wednesday, November 3 and runs through Friday the 5th. The event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.iupshaleweek.com](http://www.iupshaleweek.com).



The League needs your help in making sure that every eligible American is registered to vote. Join the League's VOTE411.org Registration Challenge by contacting FIVE co-workers, friends, and loved ones and encouraging them to register to vote by visiting [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) - our "one-stop-shop" for election-related information. And don't stop there. Post this information on your Facebook profile, and Tweet it to all your friends to make sure they get the word out, too!

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themselves to the public and how to follow up with specific invitations to join the League without seeming aggressive. Other topics such as how to reach out to allied organizations, developing relations with the media, and how to meaningfully explain the benefits of membership will also be presented.

**Membership in the League is rewarding and makes a difference; help us find new members who will help the League accomplish its mission and, in the process, create a better future for all.**

Cost: \$18.00 per person, includes meeting materials and lunch. Scholarships from LWVIC available to cover travel and registration!

If you are interested, please call Sherene Hess at 724-762-4162 for the details, or email [lwvic@yourinter.net](mailto:lwvic@yourinter.net).

**The deadline to register is October 10, 2010.**

1. While seeking to amend the U.S. Constitution, the women's suffrage movement also waged a state-by-state campaign. The territory of Wyoming was the first to give women the vote in 1869. Other western states and territories followed. Contagious excitement for women's rights spread quickly across the Rocky Mountain landscape. "This Shall be the Land for Women!" cheered western journalist Caroline Nichols Churchill upon Colorado's stunning victory by popular vote in 1893.
2. The story of the fight for women's suffrage begins with our heroines, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, deciding that there needed to be a conference on women's rights. Women and men from around the country gathered together, discussed the status of women, and produced the Declaration of Sentiments.

## Running for Office Workshop to be Held

Want to serve your community and country? Consider running for local office. In our county we need 900 people to serve on school boards, in county and municipal offices, and as election officials. You can make a difference for your children and grandchildren.

The League of Women Voters of Indiana County will hold a Running for Office Workshop aimed at those who plan to run for office or are thinking about running for office. Join us January 22, 2011, at the Rustic Lodge from 9 am to 2 pm. To learn more and register, visit [www.palwv.org/indiana](http://www.palwv.org/indiana) or call the League at 724-349-2718. Speakers include representatives from PA School Boards Association, PA Association of Township Supervisors, PA Boroughs Association and the Local Government Academy.



## Call to Action: Join Observer Corps

As a member of LWV, you have demonstrated an interest in government issues. If you are looking for an opportunity to become actively involved, consider becoming an observer of our own local government. Here are the details on LWWIC Observer Corps:

**WHO** – Any league member interested in Indiana County government and the issues being discussed by various government entities.

**WHAT** – Attend local government meetings as a nonpartisan observer.

**WHY** – To ensure the public's right to know what our local government is doing and to promote open, transparent and accountable government.

**HOW** – Attend, as your schedule allows, a selected government meeting, and fill out a simple checklist.

**WHERE** - Pick any Indiana County

governing body that interests you or one that is currently involved in controversy.

Here are some suggestions:

Indiana County Commissioners – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, usually at 10:30 a.m., Indiana County Courthouse

White Township Supervisors – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., White Township office building

Indiana Borough Council – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., borough offices

Indiana Area School District— 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 7:30 p.m., school district offices

If you are interested in participating, call or e-mail Karen Ross to discuss being an observer. Karen will answer any questions you have, give you a checklist and supply you with a nametag. You can reach Karen at 724-349-0348 or at [ross.bert1@gmail.com](mailto:ross.bert1@gmail.com).

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## CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 4**—Last day to register to vote

Forms are available at the Indiana County Courthouse

**October 11, 7:00 pm**—Board Meeting, All Members Welcome, Diane Duntley's home (204 Greenview Court, Indiana)

**October 26, 7:00-8:30 pm**—Candidate's Night, Oak Place Community Center—visit [www.palww.org/indiana](http://www.palww.org/indiana) for details

**November 2**—Election Day

**November 3—November 5**—IUP Marcellus Shale Summit

**January 22, 2011**—Candidate's Workshop, Rustic Lodge

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.*