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## League Annual Dinner on May 6

A reminder to reserve a spot at the LWVIC Annual Dinner on Thursday. We will be electing officers and board members, approving an annual budget and approving the program for the upcoming year.

We will also have the pleasure of hearing two speakers, Virginia Phillips and Susan Barclay, from the consumer action group, Slow Food Pittsburgh. Slow Food originated in Italy as a protest to the construction of a McDonald's restaurant in an historic district and now has chapters all over the world. It has numerous chapters in the United States and is active on many issues related to the food production and distribution system. Susan and Virginia will tell us more about Slow Food and its campaign to improve the nutrition and quality of school lunches. It should be a fascinating evening.

Email Sherene Hess to let her know you will be coming at:  
[lwwic@yourinter.net](mailto:lwwic@yourinter.net).



Taste, tradition, and the honest pleasures of food.

## Garage Sale A Success

Our annual garage sale on May 1 was once again a success. We made \$1886.40 and gained to new members!

We still have the bag sale to go on May 8. It looks like one of our most successful fundraisers yet. Our local budget should be in good shape.

We welcome Diane Williamson and Heather Powers as new members to the League. If you see them, say hello.



## HELP LWVIC BECOME A PARTNER OF THE INDIANA FREE LIBRARY

The Indiana Free Library has a program for organizations to be “Partner of the Month” to have place for displays, use of library facilities for programs or to show a movie...and a long list of other ideas. This is a win/win project: the League can be showcased and the library benefits from increased patron traffic.

The Board adopted this option as a valuable outreach opportunity and we are scheduled as the partner for September this year. Now we need a committee to work on making the best use possible of the time and space we have been given.

There are some ideas already gathered: showing the movie Iron-Jawed Angels; voter education, What is the League of Women Voters? - invitation to membership, Marcellus Shale study, among others. We can use display spaces, the community room with its kitchenette, and other areas by arrangement.

Sound interesting? This is also an opportunity for short-term involvement for League members who really would like to do something for League, but who can't commit to an on-going role. Could this be a good summer project for you?

Contact Sherene Hess (724) 465-5056 or lwvic@yourinter.net or Diane Duntley (724) 349-2718 or diane.duntley@gmail.com. Hurry—there are a limited number of spaces on this committee! Don't miss your chance!

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## Join the Civic Participation Committee

The Civic Participation Committee welcomes additional members as we make plans for the January 2011 workshop for potential candidates for school boards and municipal offices. The committee will begin planning in the early fall.

This workshop is a major contribution of the League to encouraging outstanding candidates and helping them understand the requirements for pursuing candidacy and helping them bring a board perspective to the roles they will be called to perform.

The election cycle in 2011 includes about half of the positions on seven school boards, at least one supervisor in each of 28 townships, and half of the positions on 14 borough councils, as well as some row offices at the county level.

If you see this as one of your contributions to the League of Women Voters and would like to discuss options, please call Diane Duntley at (724) 349-2718.

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## AN INVITATION FROM EVERGREEN CONSERVANCY

Are you interested in improving your environment?  
Then this is for you:

Join the Board of Evergreen Conservancy  
Go to [www.evergreenconservancy.org](http://www.evergreenconservancy.org) for the Board of Directors Application  
Evergreen Conservancy would love to have you join them as a member,  
or on the Board. For the Board of Directors Application, or if you have  
questions contact Cindy Rogers at: 724-349-4333 .

*"Conservation is a state of harmony between man and land."  
- Aldo Leopold*

## A Marcellus Shale Thank You

The State Marcellus Shale study is over and the results have been compiled. The State Board must look at the figures and announce our position. This should happen at the next LWVPA Board meeting.

Meanwhile, we offer thanks and congratulations to our great committee who devoted two years of their lives to this issue and became experts in a very complex subject. A special **thank you** to Cindy Rogers, who did the compiling of the reports from other local leagues, a difficult task requiring lots of careful effort and time.

As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Members of this committee: Vera Bonnet, Stephanie Prohl Chandler, Peggy Clark, JoAnne Ferraro, Sherene Hess, Pepita Jimenez-Jacobs, Susan McClure, Clarice Reber, Lori Rittle, Cindy Rogers, Aida Shotts, Mary Beth Sweeney, Drema Van Cise-Watta

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#### CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 1**—Garage Sale—Susan McClure's garage

**May 6**—Annual Meeting—1055 Oak Street, Aging Services Community Center, - 6:00 pm

**May 8**—Bag Sale—Susan McClure's garage

**May 10**—Board Meeting—7:00 pm

**May 18**—Primary Election

**June 14**—Board Meeting—7:00 pm

**BOARD MEETINGS**—held at Diane Duntley's home, 204 Greenview Court, Indiana —All Members Welcome

*Know someone who may be interested in membership? Let President Sherene Hess know at 724-465-5056 and she will send a brochure & short letter describing LWVIC's activities.*

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of voting age.