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Please join us for the League of Women Voters of Indiana County Annual Meeting

May 14, 2013

White Township Fire Hall
1555 Indian Springs Rd., Indiana, PA

Dinner: 5:30 pm

(Buffet Catered by Roseanne's)

**Presentation of Peggy Clark Grassroots
Environmental Leadership Award: 6:15 pm**
(Individual and Organization Categories)

**Business Meeting and
Election of Officers and Directors: 6:30 pm**
(See March Voter for Budget Details and Slate of Nominees)

Program/Speaker: 7:00 pm
**Where We Live...A Comprehensive Plan
for Indiana County, PA**

Cost: \$15 per person

(Send check to Treasurer Sandy Whitson, 402 Elm St., Indiana, PA 15701)

GUESTS ARE WELCOME (\$15 per person if attending dinner)
RSVP if joining us for dinner; not necessary if attending program only

RSVP by May 10 to Sandy Whitson by e-mail
swhitson8@comcast.net, phone 724 463-7205, or
with payment to address above.

**Approval of our local
program occurs at
the Annual Meeting
on May 14. If there is
a local issue that you
would like to see
LWVIC work on this
coming year, please
let us know.**

Attention All Voters!

No photo ID is required to vote in the upcoming May 21 primary election.

Lawyers from both sides have agreed to suspend the voter photo identification requirement until after the [trial on the constitutionality of Act 18](#), the Voter Photo ID law, which will start on July 15th.

Voter's Guide Published

Recently LWVPA-Citizen Education Fund published a voter's guide for Judge of the Superior Court for Pennsylvania. The Superior Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, which was established in 1895, reviews most of the civil and criminal cases that are appealed from the Courts of Common Pleas in the Commonwealth's 67 counties. The Superior Court consists of 15 judges who serve 10 year terms. The president judge of Superior Court is elected to a five year term by his or her colleagues.

A huge volume of appeals flows to Superior Court from the trial courts. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh. The court often is the final arbiter of legal disputes. Although the Supreme Court may grant a petition for review of a Superior Court decision, most such petitions are denied, and the ruling of the Superior Court stands.

Candidates include Victor P. Stabile (Republican), Joseph C. Waters, Jr. (Democrat), and Jack McVay, Jr. (Democrat). Candidates were asked what three suggestions they have to improve court procedures and efficiency. **For their answers and the complete guide, visit <http://indiana.palwv.org/>.** Additional information about the candidates can be accessed on www.smartvoter.org.

General election information is also provided by LWVPA Citizen Information Center (1-800-692-7281).

LWVPA to Hold Convention

All members of the League of Women Voters are invited to attend the LWVPA 50th Biennial Convention which takes place June 7-9 in Lewisburg, PA.

Every two years LWVPA holds its convention to adopt programs, elect officers and directors, adopt a budget and generally take care of the business of running our state league. Beyond the business meeting, the convention is intended for networking, learning new information, and gaining new skills. Workshops and caucuses will be held throughout the weekend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sherene Hess as soon as possible as the registration deadline is quickly approaching.

Spring Voter Registrations Held

Thanks to the following members who volunteered to work at our spring voter registration drives: Donna Cashdollar, Joanne Ferraro, Helen Lichtenfels, Carol Maderer, Lea Masiello, and Dawn Seagren. Thanks also to those who offered to help if needed: Lori Rittle, Aida Shotts, Vicki Stelma, and Sandy Whitson.

We were able to register new voters, pass out absentee ballot applications, and answer voting questions. It's always rewarding to meet the public and to see how many citizens are concerned about voting rights.

Don't forget to vote in the primary elections on May 21st!

Apollo Memorial Library to Host Additional Forums on Health Care

The Apollo Memorial Library (219 N. Pennsylvania Avenue) will continue to feature a conversation series that is free and open to the public on health care.

Outreach Coordinator Erin Ninehouser of the Pennsylvania Health Access Network will discuss the following topics:

What Happens When You Need Long Term Care in PA? (May 18 at 4:00 pm)

How Insurance Works: Understanding Your Coverage, Choices, and Care (June 12 at 6:30 pm)

LWVUS—Leaders' Updates Available

If you are interested in receiving informative weekly updates from the LWVUS, subscribe to the Leaders' Update. This electronic publication will keep you up-to-date on important news and events which are of League concern. In addition, it contains announcements and opportunities for the League and League members regarding leadership, advocacy, and education.

To subscribe to the Update list, use the League Email Discussion List form available at <https://member.lwv.org/Login.asp>.

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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, May 11, 2013, (8:00 am—1:00 pm)—LWVIC
Annual Bag Sale (527 Shryock Avenue, Indiana)**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2013 (5:30 pm dinner, 6:30 pm meet-
ing & program)—LWVIC Annual Meeting, Indiana Fire
Association's White Township Station (1555 Indian
Springs Road, Indiana)**

Tuesday, May 21, 2013—Primary Election Day

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

**Monday, June 17, 2013, 7:00 pm— Board Meeting, All
Members Welcome, Location to be Determined**

September 24, 2013—National Voter Registration Day

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 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.