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Candidates Night to Be Held

Tuesday, October 27
7:00 pm

Oak Place Community Center
1055 Oak Street, Indiana

Open to the Public

The following candidates for Indiana County
Commissioner have been **invited** to attend and
answer questions from the public:

Mike Baker, Republican

Rodney D. Ruddock, Republican

Sherene Hess, Democrat

Tammi Shetler, Democrat

Bob Colgan, Independent

Tony Moretti, Independent

Since our annual meeting in May, Anne Simmons and Susan Wheatley have resigned from the LWV Indiana County board to work on elections. Members of the current board are listed in the box above. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact lwvindi-anacounty@gmail.com.

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of the American Association of University Women

Voter registration events held

In conjunction with National Voter Registration Day on September 22, Karen Ross organized several voter registration events around the county.

At just four registration events, 41 voters were registered. Volunteers also answered questions, handed out absentee ballots and voter information sheets, and distributed information about online registration.

Thanks to the following volunteers: JoAnne Ferraro, Pepita Jacobs, Olga Platt, Cindy Rogers, Karen Ross, Ellen Ruddock, Dawn Seagren, Don Seagren, and Sandy Whitson.

Even if you couldn't help with the voter drives this fall, please spread the word about votes-pa.com. By visiting this site, Pennsylvanians can now register online. The League's mission to register voters ensures that all citizens have the chance to engage in our political process, so continue to encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to vote on November 3.



The LWV PA recently published a general election voters guide for statewide judicial candidates. Visit <http://www.palwv.org/2015-municipal-primary-election-voters-guide/> to read how the candidates answered the following questions: What is the most pressing reform needed in the judicial system? How will you work to achieve these reforms? What are your top three priorities if elected?

The League's nonpartisan policy

Following for your information is a summary of the League's nonpartisan policy.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization. The League neither supports nor opposes political parties or candidates for office at any level of government. At the same time, we work to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

All members are expected to respect the League's nonpartisan stance when they are speaking for or representing the League.

Since the nonpartisan character of the League of Women Voters is essential to its effectiveness in achieving full community support, restrictions apply only to the activities of board members during their term of office.

Board identifies local needs

The LWV Indiana County board recently held its annual retreat to organize this year's (July—June) work and to discuss how to implement the program that was adopted at the annual meeting.

Our program goals are built around our standing committees (voter services, environmental issues, child advocacy, civic participation, and observer corps), and many of these committees are going and have been going strong for years. Through discussion, however, we have identified some areas that need some more involvement from interested League members. For example, in order for the League to effect change, we need more members in general as well as a membership committee to make this happen. In addition, several of our members have been fulfilling roles for many many years and are ready to pass along their expertise to apprentices.

If you are interested in having a larger role in our local League, please think about taking on one of the following positions:

- Child advocacy committee chair/committee member
- Garage sale committee member
- Membership committee chair/committee member
- Social media coordinator
- Treasurer apprentice
- Voter editor

For more information, contact Vicki Stelma at 724-599-9225 or email lwvindianacounty@gmail.com.

The 2015 Shale and Public Health Conference, which is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania's "Straight Scoop on Shale" initiative (a project of the LWVPA Citizen Education Fund) is now accepting registrations. Visit <http://shale.palwv.org/?p=871> for more information.

Nominations sought

As a nominating organization, the LWV Indiana County has been asked by the Indiana County Board of Commissioners to nominate potential candidates for the **Conservation District Board**.

If you know of anyone who would be qualified to serve in this capacity as either a Farmer Director or a Public Director, please contact lwvindianacounty@gmail.com as soon as possible. **Applications are due no later than November 1.**

In addition, if you know of anyone from the League who would be an appropriate nominee for the Leader's Circle awards, please visit indianacountyleaderscircle.com for more information. Undoubtedly, there are many accomplished leaders among our members.

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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Know someone who may be interested in membership? Let President Vicki Stelma know at 724-599-9225, and she will send a brochure & short letter describing LWVIC's activities.

Saturday, October 10, 11:00 am—3:00 pm—Day of Play, S&T Bank Arena (sponsored by the Children's Advisory Commission)

Monday, October 19, 7:00 pm—Board Meeting, All Members Welcome, PASEC meeting room, (1005 Oak Street, 2nd floor)

Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 pm—Candidates Night, Oak Place Community Center, 1005 Oak Street, Indiana

Tuesday, November 3—Election Day

Wednesday, November 18, 8:30 am—5:30 pm—Shale and Public Health Conference, University of Pittsburgh University Club

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.