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LWVIC and Indiana Free Library to show Iron Jawed Angels September 22, 7 pm

The League is partnering with the Library during September to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote AND the 90th birthday of the League of Women Voters. Woman Suffrage leader Carrie Chapman Catt recognized that getting the vote was not the end of the journey. The League was founded to "finish the fight" and for 90 years has continued the journey toward a society in which every citizen has a voice in a government of fair and equitable laws and policies.

Displays in the library tell about the League, the issues it studies and how to register to vote and what to expect on Election Day at the Polls. Books about civics and the League are displayed throughout the library.

There will be a viewing of the acclaimed Iron Jawed Angels, a film about the American women's suffrage movement during the 1910s. Filmed in Virginia and produced by HBO Films, the movie follows political activists Alice Paul and Lucy Burns as they use peaceful and effective strategies, tactics, and dialogues to revolutionize the American feminist movement and to grant women the right to vote. It received a standing ovation at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival. ¹¹

Visit the library often in September (and encourage friends and students to visit too.) Join us on Sept 22nd for the showing of Iron Jawed Angels. All are welcome!



Candidates Workshop to be Held January 22

The Candidates Workshop has been officially scheduled for January 22, 2011 at the Rustic Lodge. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the workshop will end at 2 pm. The League encourages those thinking about running for local government to take advantage of this affordable opportunity which is designed to help attendees understand the requirements for pursuing candidacy and the importance of the roles they will be performing as elected officials.

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 of-
fices at the county
level.

The Civic Participation Committee has begun planning for the workshop, but there is still more work to be done. The committee welcomes additional members as we make plans. The next committee meeting will be held on September 21 at 7 pm. Please contact Diane Duntley at 724-349-2718 or Sherene Hess at lwvic@yourinter.net if you would like to join the committee and/or attend the meeting. More details in upcoming newsletters.



Board Retreat Held in August

On August 10, the Board held its annual retreat at Reeger's Farm. We discussed what we hope to accomplish during the coming year and how we can achieve our goals and the mission of the League.

The 2010-2011 LWVIC Goals are as follows:

- Promote informed voter participation
- Promote diverse interest in civic participation
- Monitor and advocate for critical issues
- Interact with elected officials

To these ends, the LWVIC will continue to hold Candidate's Night, develop the Voter's Guide, hold a Candidate's Workshop, promote the Observer Corps, hold legislative meetings with local legislators, and maintain active education, child advocacy, environmental, and civic participation committees. Please think about ways that you can become more involved with the League this year. You will **learn new skills, gain valuable knowledge, build friendships, and very importantly: Make a difference in our communities** here in Indiana and surrounding counties. Contact any Board Member to learn how to get involved.

ELECTION WEBSITES—Find Your Own Personal Ballot Online & Get the FACTS!

Online Voters Guide for these races can be found online at: www.smartvoter.org:

- PA House (60th, 62nd, and 66th Districts)
- US Congressional (US Senator and US Representatives from 9th and 12th Districts)



- State Executive (Governor and Lieutenant Governor)

SmartVoter is a unique Voter's Guide tool

launched by local Leagues in Delaware County and the Greater Pittsburgh Area. For this election, voters in any part of the state can enter their address and zip code and view the offices and candidates that will be on their ballot on November 2. Smart Voter provides candidates with almost unlimited space to post biographical and other information about

their candidacies including endorsements, and provide links to their campaign web site, email addresses, phone numbers and other contact information. Unlike our printed Voters Guides, the information candidates post on Smart Voter can be adapted to changing circumstances like the current economic crisis. Opposing candidates can also respond to each others positions on issues. Personal attacks are not permitted.

For non-partisan review and comment on election advertising: www.factcheck.org and for comments on election reports sent over the internet: www.snopes.com. As the campaign for President gets more intense, we all need someplace to go to find out the facts, or lack of them, behind election sound bites. These sites provide the best information we have found.

ELECTION 2010 WORK UNDERWAY! - CANDIDATES NIGHT PLANNED

The League is pleased to host Candidates Night this year on Tuesday October 26, at 7 pm, at Oak Place Community Center, 1055 Oak St. in Indiana. There is parking available in the lot across from the Center or on street next to the Center. Candidates Night is being co-sponsored by radio stations WDAD and WCCS.

The League holds Candidates Night in order to give the public a chance to learn where the candidates stand on the issues you care about. Our goal is to provide an impartial forum so that voters can make informed decisions when they vote on Nov. 2.

There are races for the 60th, and 66th legislative districts. The candidates are:

- 60th – Jeff Pyle (R) & Jo Ellen Bowman (D)
- 66th— Sam Smith (R), Luther E. Yoas, Sr. (Independent) and Dennis J. Peck (D).

Dave Reed—R is running unopposed in the race for the 62nd legislative districts. These are the districts that represent Indiana County.

Come and learn what the candidates have to say about important issues. We will accept written questions from the audience and present them to the candidates. Questions will be screened for appropriateness and general interest and no personal questions or questions directed to only one participant will be accepted.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO GET YOUR VOTER VIA EMAIL YET?

If you wish to receive your Voter via email, it's not too late. Please contact JoAnne Ferraro at ferraroj2@verizon.net if you want to have your Voters sent directly to your email.



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may be interested in
membership? Let
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Hess know at 724-
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will send a brochure &
short letter describing
LWVIC's activities.

CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11—National Day of Service and Remembrance

September 13, 7:00 pm—Board Meeting—All Members Welcome
Meeting to be held at the Indiana Free Library (2nd floor, Community Room)

September 17—The 223rd anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution

September 22, 7:00 pm —Screening of "Iron-Jawed Angels"
Indiana Free Library (2nd Floor, Community Room)
This screening (120 minutes) is **open to the public**

October 4—Last day to register to vote
Forms are available at the Indiana County Courthouse

October 26, 7:00-9:00 pm—Candidate's Night

November 2—Election Day

November 3—November 5—IUP Marcellus Shale Summit

January 22, 2011—Candidates Workshop

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.