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Please Join Us for the League of Women Voters of Indiana County Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 (Location to be Announced)

Dinner: 5:30 pm (Buffet style, catered by Roseann's of Indiana)

**Presentation of Peggy Clark Grassroots
Environmental Leadership Award: 6:15 pm**

(Business Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors: 6:30 pm

(See page 2 of the Voter for Budget Details and Slate of Nominees)

Program/Speaker: 7:00 pm

Dr. Amanda Poole, *Environmental Anthropologist in the Department of Anthropology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania*

Dr. Poole is a member of the League and lives in Indiana with her husband Gerald Smith and their young children. She teaches courses on Africa, applied and ecological anthropology, and cultural theory. Her past work includes field research with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Alaska Fisheries Science Center. Dr. Poole specializes in political ecology, ethoecology, community based resource management, rural and post conflict development, food sovereignty, forced migration and refugee studies, and anthropology of the state. Most recently, she has researched the social dynamics around hydraulic fracturing in northern Appalachia.

Cost: \$15 per person

(Send check to Treasurer Sandy Whitson, 402 Elm St., Indiana, PA 15701 or pay at the door)

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

LWVIC Garage Sale Fundraiser Set for May

Our annual fundraiser is coming on Saturday, May 3 (with the bag sale to follow on Saturday, May 10). **Start saving your donations**, and ask friends and neighbors for their recyclable castoffs. Drop offs of donations at 527 Shryock Avenue will begin the week before the sale and continue through the week. **Volunteers are needed to set up during the week preceding the sale as well as to work the sale.**

LWWIC Proposed Budget July 1, 2014—June 30, 2015

I. INCOME

A. Dues (63 members @ \$55)	\$ 3465.00
B. Contributions:	
1. Member	400.00
2. Non-Member	245.00
C. Projects/ Other Sources	1900.00
D. Other Sales	100.00
E. Grants and other income	2000.00

Total Income: \$8110.00

II. EXPENDITURES

A. General Administration	
1. President	\$ 20.00
2. Board Tools/Expenses	150.00
3. Administrative Committees	
a. Membership/Activities	250.00
b. Publicity/External Communications	400.00
4. Operating Costs	
a. General Supplies	50.00
b. Insurance	130.00
c. Web Page	350.00
B. Delegates/Travel/Affiliations	
1. State/National Conventions	1000.00
2. Workshops	100.00
3. Annual Meetings (Local)	500.00
4. Board Planning	100.00
C. Financial Support	
1. National \$31/ member	1945.00
2. State \$20/member	1260.00
D. Program and Activities	
1. Publication Purchases	100.00
2. Bulletin	
a. Supplies	100.00
b. Postage	250.00
3. Voters Service	100.00
4. Action	
a. Legislative Interviews	25.00
b. Action	30.00
E. Committees	
1. Environmental Issues	200.00
2. Education	100.00
3. Human Services Action	150.00
4. Other Programs	200.00
F. Misc.	100.00
G. Awards	100.00
H. Fundraising	400.00

Total Expenses: \$8110.00

Report from the 2014 Nominating Committee

The slate of nominees for two year terms beginning July 1, 2014 are as follows:

Treasurer: Sandy Whitson

Board Members: Joyce Magee, Lea Masiello, Stacie Sawallish-Adkins, Susan Wheatley

The slate of nominees for one year terms beginning July 1, 2014 are as follows:

Vice President: Vicki Stelma

2015 Nominating Committee: Beth Marshall, Dawn Seagren

The election of officers and board will be held at the May 14, 2014 Annual Meeting; additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

Attention LWWIC members—If you are interested in becoming a board member or running for an officer position, please contact the nominating committee. Serving on the board is a rewarding experience and a great way to contribute to the creation of a fair, vibrant, and strong community. Our work makes a difference not only today but for future generations. The League is an ever present and trusted source of nonbiased, highly researched information and an organization that brings civility and respect to the political process. Help us keep it strong and effective.

Agriculture Consensus Meeting to be Held on April 5

Headed by Beth Marshall, the LWVIC Agriculture Update Committee **invites ALL LWVIC MEMBERS** (regardless of knowledge of agriculture issues) to attend and participate in an **agriculture consensus meeting on April 5**. (See related articles in last month's issue of the Voter.)

The meeting will last from **8:30 am to noon** at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Indiana (285 Twolick Drive). There will be light refreshments available at 8:00 am **We need as many members as possible to make the consensus a valid one. Please join us!**

Visit <http://www.lwv.org/member-resources/agriculture-update> for a preview of consensus questions as well as background information about topics such as genetically modified organisms, water and soil management, farm management, and enforcement agencies and legislation.

Rain Barrel Workshop to be Held

Learn about non-point source pollution and how to make rain barrels from Jim Resh, Conservation District Manager, at Evergreen Conservancy's annual spring program.

This event will be held on Friday, **April 25** at 6 pm at the Blue Spruce Lodge and is free and open to all. A few lucky attendees will even walk away with a new rain barrel. Light refreshments will be served.

Evergreen Conservancy's mission is to advance the preservation, protection and stewardship of natural, cultural and historical resources in and around Indiana County. For more information contact www.evergreenconservancy.org.

LWVIC Still Seeking Nominations for Environmental Leadership Award

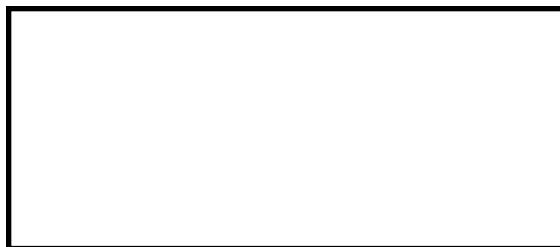
The League of Women Voters of Indiana County is currently seeking nominations for the third annual Peggy Clark Grassroots Environmental Leadership Award. The award recognizes grassroots citizens, groups or businesses who show exemplary leadership and active participation in policy issues that involve protecting or preserving our environment and will be awarded for the third time this spring. Candidates for the award should demonstrate grassroots leadership in the following areas:

- Preservation and/or protection of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem and maximum protection of public health and the environment
- Grassroots activism to preserve or protect our precious natural resources

Nominations can be submitted by citizens or groups, or individuals can self-nominate. **The deadline for application submission is April 8, 2014.** Contact Sherene Hess, president of the LWVIC to obtain an application. Address: 234 Geesey Road, Indiana, PA 15701. Email: lwvic@verizon.net. Phone: 724-762-4162.

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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

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 LWWIC's activities.

Saturday, April 5, 8:30 am—noon—Agriculture Consensus Meeting, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Indiana (285 Twolick Drive)

Tuesday, April 8—Deadline for nominations for Peggy Clark Grassroots Environmental Leadership Award (see article in this issue of the Voter for more information)

Monday, April 14, 7:00 pm—Board Meeting, All Members Welcome, PASEC meeting room, (1005 Oak Street, 2nd floor)

Saturday, May 3—LWWIC Annual Garage Sale (527 Shryock Avenue, Indiana) **(May 10, Bag Sale)**

Wednesday, May 14—LWWIC Annual Meeting (time and location to be announced)

June 6-10—LWVUS Convention, Dallas, Texas

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.