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## LWVIC Annual Meeting to be Held May 21 Guest Speaker Roberta Winters to be Featured “Standing Firm in Eroding Times”

As our legs shift with the movement of the sands of time, how can we stand on League principles to help us at the local, state and national level to thrive in troubled times? Join Roberta Winters, Issues and Action Vice President for the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania to find out.

- What are the critical issues?
- What is the League doing about them?
- What is your role in supporting and building on our foundation?

About Roberta Winters:

Since June 2011, Dr. Roberta Winters has served as Vice President for Issues and Action on the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania (LWVPA). During her prior two years on the LWVPA Board, she coordinated the Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Extraction Study Guides for LWVPA and chaired the study group that recently completed the addenda to these guides on Pipelines and Pooling. In her voluntary role with the League, Roberta has worked to help educate the citizens of Pennsylvania and LWV members in neighboring states regarding the evolving opportunities and challenges of natural gas extraction. She continues to serve as education chair for her local LWV in Radnor.

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## Voter Services Committee Seeking Members to Register Voters

The LWVIC Board and Voter Services Committee wants to register high school and college students to vote in this fall's election, but we need your help. If you are interested in planning and helping with this effort, please contact either Karen Ross ([ross.bert1@gmail.com](mailto:ross.bert1@gmail.com), 724-349-0348) or Aida Shotts ([ashotts@windstream.net](mailto:ashotts@windstream.net), 724-357-3482).

Because of the recently passed Pennsylvania voter photo ID law, we would also like to help registered voters get photo ID's if they need them. This is important work, and we hope you will consider being a part of this effort to encourage citizens to vote!

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## **LWVIC 2012-13 PROPOSED RECOMMENDED PROGRAM**

### **Workplan to be Approved by the LWVIC Membership at the Annual Meeting**

Following is the program that will be recommended at the annual meeting on May 21. These are essentially the goals that the LWVIC board has set for the coming year. Please consider becoming involved in one or more of these initiatives.

**Environmental Issues Committee** (an outgrowth of the Air Quality Committee): LWVIC will continue to work to bring Marcellus Shale drilling issues to the attention of local and state audiences by updating the Study Guides, conducting outreach and education, and reviewing emerging issues and their impacts.

**Voter Services:** LWVIC will continue services related to voter education, including publishing Voters Guides, registering voters (with a focus on high school students), holding candidates' nights, and educating the public in relation to the new photo voter identification law).

**Library Issues Committee:** LWVIC will monitor emerging issues and work with local libraries.

**Child Advocacy Committee:** LWVIC will monitor issues, activities, and policies related to the welfare of children in Indiana County and will participate in annual events designed to educate and improve the quality of life for children.

**Civic Participation Committee:** LWVIC will address the issue of increasing diversity in elected and appointed officials and raising awareness of the duties of elected officials to those considering public service.

**Observer Corps Committee:** LWVIC will encourage members to attend public meetings to let officials know that someone is watching to ensure that government agencies are fulfilling their responsibility to be transparent and accountable to the citizenry.

#### **Continued from page 1 ("Standing Firm in Eroding Times")**

In 2006, Roberta retired from her elementary school teaching position in the Radnor Township School District. Her educational background includes a B.S. in Biology from Bucknell University, an M.A.T. in Science Education from Harvard University, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania.

Roberta is a native Rhode Islander who resides in Bryn Mawr, PA with her husband Tom, a professor in the Music History Department at West Chester University. They are the parents of two daughters, both of whom hold advanced degrees in environmental science.

A "Thank You" goes out to Jane Lord for her service to the LWVIC this past year. She chaired the education committee and the consensus meeting as well as our meeting with local educators. Jane is leaving the area, and we thank her for her hard work and contributions!

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The 2012-2013 Proposed Budget (to be approved at the Annual Meeting) was published in the March 2012 Voter for your reference.

### **Nominating Committee to Offer Slate of Candidates at Annual Meeting**

The Nominating Committee of the LWVIC offers the following people for two year terms. (Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting on May 21. In addition, the Board may make one year appointments.)

**Officers:**

Vice President—Beth Marshall

Treasurer—Sandy Whitson

**Board Members:**

Pepita Jimenez-Jacobs (1 year term)

Lea Masiello

Dreama Van Cise

Respectfully submitted, Jo Anne Ferraro, Susan McClure, Cindy Rogers

### **LWVIC Annual Meeting**

#### ***Business Meeting & Election of Board of Directors***

***Guest Speaker, Roberta Winters,  
Issues and Action Vice President, LWV of Pennsylvania  
“Standing Firm in Eroding Times”***

#### ***Peggy Clark Environmental Leadership Award***

**May 21, 2012**

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Award: 6:15 p.m.

Business Meeting/Elections: 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: 7:00 p.m.

Indiana Fire Association's White Township Station (1555 Indian Springs Rd., Indiana)

**Cost: \$15 (Send check to Sandy Whitson,  
402 Elm St., Indiana, PA 15701 or pay at the door)**

**Guests of LWVIC members are invited to attend the dinner and meeting/program with an RSVP (cost \$15). Guests may also attend the program at 7 p.m. at no charge.**

**RSVP by May 17 to Sandy Whitson ([swhitson8@comcast.net](mailto:swhitson8@comcast.net) or 724 463-7205).**

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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, May 5, 2012**—LWWIC Annual Garage Sale (527 Shryock Avenue, Indiana) **(May 12, Bag Sale)**

**Monday, May 21, 2012**—LWWIC Annual Meeting with Guest Speaker Roberta Winters (LWV Pennsylvania Vice President and Issues and Action Committee Chair), Indiana Fire Association's White Township Station (1555 Indian Springs Road, Indiana).  
**Guests Welcome (See Page 3 for More Information)**

**June 8-12, 2012**—LWV United States Convention, Washington, DC

**Monday, June 18, 2012, 7:00 pm**—Board Meeting, All Members Welcome, (Location to be announced)

### **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.*