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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF INDIANA COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

SPEAKERS: County Commissioner Rodney Ruddock
State Representative Dave Reed

TOPIC: Governmental Perspectives about Marcellus Shale Issues

WHEN: Thursday, May 7, 2009

WHERE: Blue Spruce Lodge, Blue Spruce Park

TIME: Dinner—6:00 pm Speakers: 6.45 pm

Business Meeting: Following program

COST: \$9.00—payable at door

Spaghetti Benders will provide the Lasagna (veggie and meat), salad and bread. Marcellus Shale Committee members will provide beverages and dessert.

Come and hear the capstone to our Marcellus Shale Study series. Best of all, enjoy the company of fellow “Leaguers.”

RSVP: Aida Shotts at ashotts@alltel.net or 724-354-3482

Nominating Committee Report

The following people have been nominated for election as officers and board members of the League of Women Voters of Indiana County and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

President: Sherene Hess **Secretary:** Ann Rea

Board Members—nominated for two-year terms:

Stephanie Chandler

Aida Shotts

Nancy Fricke

Karen Ross

Carol Maderer

Cindy Rogers

Pepita Jiminez-Jacobs

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Our condolences to Nancy Fricke on the recent death of her mother.

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 2009-2010

The League of Women Voters of Indiana County is planning to continue its current program activities.

- ◆ The Environmental Issues Committee will continue to work to bring Marcellus Shale drilling issues to the attention of local and state audiences. The committee will also monitor air quality issues, especially those relating to school bus idling control.
- ◆ The League will continue its Voter Service activities, including publishing voters Guides and registering voters.
- ◆ The Education Committee will continue to monitor education issues and take action on already current positions as the need arises.

The Board is not proposing any new local studies or action for 2009-2010. Members may make proposals from the floor at the Annual Meeting for program items. If those items are adopted by the membership, they will become part of the program efforts for next year. In addition, the Board may authorize action or study on issues, which arise during the year, if they fall under our current positions.

We will also be deciding whether to send our newsletter only by email at the meeting. Think about what your preference would be.

Congratulations! Ron Evanko, husband of member and County Commissioner Patty Evanko, received the A C Scales Award at the State Association of Boroughs conference. The award is given to one official in Pennsylvania every year for outstanding service to PSAB's programs

STATE CONVENTION

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Convention will be held June 5-7 in Clarion, PA. Several members of the LWVIC plan to attend. The theme is "Clarion Call for Better Government."

We are eligible to send four voting delegates and we will pay expenses for those delegates. Any League member can attend. The registration cost is \$185 for the entire weekend, or \$135 for Saturday only. Includes meals. Registration deadline is May 15.

The convention is full of workshops, issues discussions, and socializing. It is great fun and gives a wonderful perspective on what the League does outside of Indiana.

The LWVIC will be presenting its Marcellus Shale findings at a caucus during the convention in the hopes that we can spark a statewide effort to bring this issue to the citizens of PA.

If you are interested in going, contact President Sherene Hess at 465-5056 or lwvic@yourinter.net and check the LWVPA website for more information.

GARAGE SALE

It's almost time for the Great League Garage Sale! The sale will be on May 2 at Susan McClure's garage, beside 527 Shryock Avenue from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Garage sale customers start EARLY. Diane Duntley will be catering the lunch for volunteers on Sale Day.

We will be collecting items during the week before the sale, beginning on April 27. You can drop off anything you want to contribute any morning that week between 9:00 am and noon. Volunteers will arrange and price donations every morning that week. We need volunteers to work during the week and on the day of the sale. contact Olga Platt at epop325@comcast.net to volunteer.

On May 10, the left over items will be sold at a bag sale at the same time and place.

This is our major fundraiser and pays for our activities for the next year. In addition, it is fun!!! So, bring us your unused items and we will find them a new and happier home. Look at it as a rescue effort.

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET—2009-2010
I. INCOME

A. Dues (58 members @ \$50)	\$2900.00
B. Contributions:	
1. Member	500.00
2. Non-Member	100.00
3. Projects/Other Sources	1949.60

Total Income	\$5449.60
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II. EXPENDITURES

A. General Administration	
1. President	\$ 20.00
2. Board Tools/Expenses	100.00
3. Administrative Committees	
a. Membership	100.00
b. Publicity	40.00
4. Operating Costs	
a. General Supplies	50.00
b. Insurance	125.00
c. Web Page	450.00
B. Delegates/Travel/Affiliations	
1. State/National Conventions	350.00
2. Workshops	100.00
3. Annual Meetings (Local)	30.00
C. Financial Support	
1. National (\$29.60/member)	1693.60
2. State (\$19/member)	1026.00
D. Programs and Activities	
1. Publication Purchases	100.00
2. Bulletin	
a. Supplies	150.00
b. Postage	100.00
3. Voter Service	
a. Legislative Interviews	25.00
b. Action	25.00
E. Committees	
a. Environmental Issues	250.00
b. Diversity	50.00
c. Education	100.00
d. Human Services Action	100.00
e. Other Programs	200.00
F. Misc/Scholarship	65.00

Total Expenses	\$5449.60
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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 – Marcellus Shale study committee meeting. Mary Beth Sweeney's home. **9:30 am**

April 13 – Board Meeting, Diane Duntley's home. **7:00 pm. NOTE DATE!**

April 20 – Last day to register before Primary

May 2 – Annual Garage Sale – Susan McClure's garage. **8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

May 7 – Annual Meeting, Blue Spruce Lodge, Blue Spruce Park, **6:00 pm**

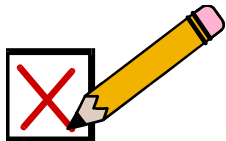
May 9 - Bag Sale – Susan McClure's garage. **8:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

May 15 – Registration Deadline for State Convention. **Contact Sherene if interested in going.**

May 19 – Primary Election Day

June 5-7 – LWV State Convention. Clarion Holiday Inn.

June 20 – Stand for Children, Mack Park **10:00am – 2:00 pm**



Know someone who may be interested in membership? Let Olga Platt know at 724-465-2073 and she will send a brochure & short letter describing LWVIC's activities.

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.