



## LWVIC Board of Directors, 2012-13

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## Notice of Resignations

The following board members have temporarily resigned from the board of LWVIC due to their involvement in campaign work this election season: Sandy Whitson, Cindy Rogers, and Ann Rea.

## Save the Date!

### Member Potluck Dinner & Meeting

Tuesday, January 29

Location and Program to be Announced

## Pepita Jimenez-Jacobs Nominated for Award

The LWVIC has nominated Pepita Jimenez-Jacobs for the Leader's Circle of Indiana County's Female Civic Leader of the Year award.

Pepita was born in the Philippines, and as a child, she survived the Bataan Death March which ingrained in her the conviction that she "owed the world and life for having survived." And, it is with this perspective that she has led a life of service—a life dedicated to her passion and belief "that all children be helped to realize their potential and to develop a sense of responsibility to themselves and to the world they were born into."

Pepita's interests have always revolved around teaching and taking care of young children, and she has been a true leader in Indiana County in this regard. Pepita has volunteered in parent teacher associations, on parent advisory boards, and on an advisory board for Title I. She has been active in the Community Coordinating Council for Children as well as the Indiana County Human Services Council. She has served on an advisory board for Children and Youth Services and the Children's Advisory Commission. In fact, Pepita almost singlehandedly represents the LWVIC on nearly every local committee that exists to serve the needs of children. (See the article "LWVIC Involved in Our Community" in October's Voter.)

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Visit the media library at [lwv.org](http://lwv.org) (first click News & Media from the home page) and view "90 Years of Accomplishment," a video about the history of the League, or check out the photo gallery time machine for images from League activities through the years. Both are fascinating and inspiring!

## Story Boxes Available

In case you haven't heard, the LWVPA has developed a storybox that shows and tells the story of how shale gas is produced and distributed through pipelines. In addition, it includes information about the new ACT 13 shale gas regulations and addresses safety concerns.

This storybox is currently housed at the Indiana Free Library and is available for the public's use when visiting the library. It can also be borrowed for classroom use, so **if you know a teacher who might be interested in sharing this storybox with his or her students, contact Cindy Rogers at 724-349-4333.**

Also available for both public and classroom use is the original storybox that was developed to provide general information about the Marcellus Shale. This storybox is currently on display at the Kittanning Library and is also available for classroom use.

These storyboxes were developed from shale study guide materials written by the League of Women Voters Indiana County and were produced with the help of a geologic engineer on staff at the Saturday Light Brigade children's radio program.



**LWVIC member Tina Zins developed the display pictured at left for the Apollo Library.**

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Pepita has been an active member of the LWVIC for more than 20 years, and she is a strong advocate of civic participation and democratic institutions.

It is with great pride that the LWVIC nominates Pepita for this award.

The awards ceremony will be held in the spring of 2014.

## Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee to be Formed

It is time to review the LWVIC bylaws as they relate to membership and board activity, so a committee is forming to accomplish this goal. In particular, this committee will explore ideas about term limits for board members as well as other pertinent items. It is anticipated that this process will involve some background research, a few meetings, and a report to the board and the larger membership.

**Note—this is a short term, task specific committee. Serving on this committee is not a long term commitment.**

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Sherene Hess at [lwvic@verizon.net](mailto:lwvic@verizon.net) or 724-762-4162.

**Please consider volunteering for the LWVIC ad hoc bylaws committee.**

## Check Out [freespeechforpeople.org](http://freespeechforpeople.org)

If you are interested in learning more about the recent Supreme Court decision *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, visit [freespeechforpeople.org](http://freespeechforpeople.org). (This 5-4 decision ruled that the restrictions on corporate expenditures in elections contained in the federal Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (known as BCRA or “McCain-Feingold”) violated the First Amendment protections of free speech.)

This nonpartisan website is filled with information regarding how corporate money and corporate power influence our elections and our democracy.

## Apartment or Room Needed

The Evergreen Conservancy is once again sponsoring an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer who will be working with them from November 18, 2012 to November 2013. They are looking for someone who has a room or apartment that they would be willing to rent to her for \$300 or less per month. The VISTA volunteers give a year or more of service to nonprofit organizations and get a very minimal stipend to live on; they do not have a lot of money to spend on housing. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Cindy Roger at [rogers944@comcast.net](mailto:rogers944@comcast.net) or call 724-349-4333.

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## CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, November 6, 2012**—Election Day

**Monday, November 19, 2012, 7:00 pm**—Board Meeting,  
All Members Welcome, Karen Ross' home (341 Ann Cir-  
cle, Indiana)

**Tuesday, January 29, 2013**—Member Potluck Dinner &  
Meeting (location to be announced)

**June 7, 8, 9, 2013**—LWVPA Biennial Convention,  
Lewisburg

Know someone who  
may be interested in  
membership? Let  
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762-4162, and she  
will send a brochure  
& short letter de-  
scribing LWVIC's  
activities.

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