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## Election Day is November 4. What do the candidates have to say about the issues? Ask them at Candidates' Night

When: Tuesday, October 21

Where: Oak Place Community Center, 1055 Oak Street,  
Indiana (parking available on street or across from  
the Center)

When: 7:00 pm

**This event is open to the public.** Candidates for the PA House of Representatives **62nd legislative district**, **Kevin Freeberg**, Democrat and **Dave Reed**, Republican and candidates for the **66th legislative district**, **Robert Toby Santik**, Democrat and **Cris Dush**, Republican will be in attendance.

This event is being sponsored and moderated by the LWVIC, the Indiana Gazette, and Renda Broadcasting Corporation. Light refreshments will be served by the Indiana branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).



This is a **nonpartisan event** in which all candidates are invited to answer questions posed by audience members.

In addition, **we need volunteers** who can help greet attendees, collect questions from the audience, screen these questions, keep the time, and promote this event. **If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact 724-465-5056 or email [lwvic@verizon.net](mailto:lwvic@verizon.net).**

Visit [www.palww.org/indiana](http://www.palww.org/indiana) for more information.

## Voter registration events successful

In honor of National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 23, Karen Ross once again gathered a small army of volunteers and put the League's beliefs into practice by registering voters. Many thanks go out to the following women who worked the table: Ellen Chinn, Peggy Eyer, Jo Anne Ferraro, Sherene Hess, Joyce Magee, Beth Marshall, Lea Masiello, Olga Platt, Clarice Reber, Cindy Rogers, Karen Ross, Ellen Rud-dock, Stacie Sawallish-Adkins, Dawn Seagren, Ruth Shirey, Anne Simmons, Edwina Vold, Judy Wanchisn, and Sandy Whitson.

Over the course of eight days and seven different venues, 51 voters were registered, and 6 absentee ballots were collected. One of the weirdest things that our volunteers discovered is that Cherry Tree addresses are spread over three different counties, Cambria, Clearfield, and Indiana. The most "fired up" person our volunteers encountered was a teacher who took a stack of registration applications so that she could convince her unregistered colleagues to vote. Our volunteers were also amazed at the number of IUP students who had their driver's license numbers memorized, and the number of citizens who didn't know in what county they lived.

Overall, our local efforts, in conjunction with efforts across the country, made for a successful National Voter Registration Day in which Leagues sponsored 400 events.



Above left to right, Karen Ross and Sandy Whitson register voters at the Indiana County Farmer's Market.

## LWVPA to sponsor development workshop in Indiana

Recently, Chris Herbener from the LWVPA contacted our League with news of an opportunity. In August, LWVPA sponsored a training for the Membership, Leadership Development (MLD) Program for eastern Pennsylvania Leagues. Fortunately, the LWVPA has the funds to sponsor this same training here in Indiana for western Pennsylvania Leagues.

On Saturday, November 8, this program will be brought to Indiana. This training is geared at helping Leagues to recruit and retain members while identifying and developing future League leaders, so mark your calendars and plan on attending and/or volunteering at this workshop.

## Second shale drilling and public health conference to be held

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania's Shale and Public Health Committee is sponsoring the second annual Shale Drilling and Public Health: Days of Discovery on Sunday afternoon, October 26 and Monday, October 27. Events will be held at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health.

Mark your calendars and register to attend. The conference is free and open to the public; however, space is limited, so registration is required. (There is a charge for lunch on Monday.) Visit [http://shale.palwv.org/?page\\_id=720](http://shale.palwv.org/?page_id=720) to register.

## One of LWV of Indiana County's founding mothers will be permanently joining her family in North Carolina later this month.

Clarice Reber helped form LWVIC in 1974 and held the treasurer post for several years. Her first study portfolio was local taxes. After her retirement from IUP in 2003, Clarice joined the LWVIC board of directors and became active on the environmental issues committee, playing a large role in the development of the LWV of Pennsylvania's position on natural gas development in the Commonwealth. Because of the committee's extensive research and assistance in consensus building, LWVPA and chapters across the state have educated extensively and advocated broadly for policies and regulations that protect public health and the environment and prevent burdening the taxpayer with costs of development, including unanticipated consequences of producing natural gas, specifically the Marcellus shale play. Clarice would eventually become the chair of the committee, leading the way as new issues related to gas drilling emerged - pipelines, air quality, waste disposal, etc. She was skilled in redirecting the discussions toward practical and achievable goals. Her leadership with the environmental committee was greatly appreciated, and her legacy of practicality and standard of excellence propels the committee ever forward.

Clarice's professional life included her role as Assistant Professor at IUP where she served as department chairperson of the Department of Special Education and director of the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic. Clarice was precise and competent in all of her work, and all who knew her considered her to be an exceptional clinician.

Clarice and her husband Jim traveled extensively. Jim was noted for his photography, particularly for wildlife and birds, but Clarice gathered stories, not photos, on their trips, enjoying the human interest aspects. Clarice coordinated the Armchair Travelers interest group with the IUP Women's Club for many years. Additionally, Jim was president of Friends of the Parks and arranged for year-round programs relating to the natural world in Indiana County Parks. Clarice and Jim continue to make a great team.

Clarice and Jim were active church members at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Her father had been a minister. On an interesting note, Jim's parents, were missionaries in China and were interned during World War II by the Japanese and later by the Communists.

Clarice and Jim are parents to daughter Nora and son Arthur. They are moving to 7919 Blue Herron Drive West, Apt. 305, Wilmington, NC 28411, to be close to Nora and the grandchildren. Until January, they will reside at 8225-3 Blue Heron East, Wilmington.

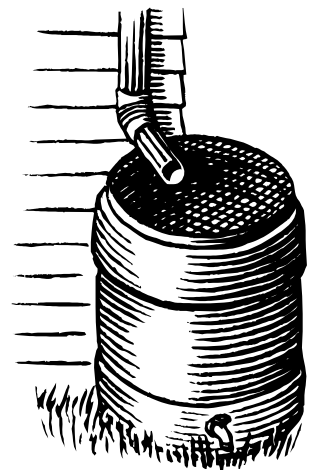
Clarice exemplifies what it means to be a League member, using her strengths and talents for a purpose beyond herself. She has been a role model to us all, carrying us through the years as facilitator, leader and coordinator of projects and events. Though we will miss Clarice and Jim, we know how much it means to them to be closer to family. Best wishes Rebers!

Submitted by Sherene Hess

## Photos of rain barrels or rain gardens needed

The LWV Indiana County was recently awarded a WREN grant to enhance knowledge of storm water issues in our county. As part of that process, the League, in conjunction with IUP and our other partners, is producing a video about storm water, rain gardens, and rain barrels.

If you have a rain barrel or rain garden installed at your home and would allow pictures to be taken of them, please contact the Evergreen Conservancy and Cindy Rogers at [evergreenconservancy@gmail.com](mailto:evergreenconservancy@gmail.com). Thank you, in advance, for contributing to this important educational project.



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## CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, October 6**—Last day to register before the fall election

**Monday, October 20, 7:00 pm**—Board Meeting, All Members Welcome, PASEC meeting room, (1005 Oak Street, 2nd floor)

**Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 pm**—Candidate's Night, Oak Place Community Center (1055 Oak Street)

**Tuesday, October 28**—Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

**Tuesday, November 4**—General election

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**—AAUW NICE! Women's Advocacy Training Smart-Start Workshop (Contact Susan Wheatley at wheatley@iup.edu for more information)

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.

### 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.*