

# VOTER

League of Women  
Voters of Indiana  
County, Pennsylvania



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## LWVIC Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 22

5:00 pm Dinner & Presentation of Peggy Clark  
Environmental Awards

6:00 Business Meeting & Election of Officers & Directors

7:00 pm Program— Dr. Mark R. McGowan  
Ramada, 1395 Wayne Avenue, Indiana

Cost: \$30

Guests are welcome; **RSVP is required for both the dinner and the program** (but attending the program only is free)

**RSVP by May 16** to Sandy Whitson

email to [swhitson8@comcast.net](mailto:swhitson8@comcast.net); phone 724-463-7205; or with payment (check made out to LWVIC) to 402 Elm Street, Indiana, PA 15701 or pay at the door

**Following is the local program which will be voted on at the business meeting:**

### 2019-20 LWVIC Program

**Voter Services** will publish voters' guides, coordinate nonpartisan voter registration events, hold candidate nights and legislative interviews, provide membership updates on legislation related to voting and elections, and provide education on redistricting.

**Environmental Issues Committee** will continue to explore resources relating to energy, economics, ethics, and public health. They will continue to partner with the County and other organizations to do outreach and education, with the goal of implementing recommendations to develop local jobs using sustainable energy sources. The committee will learn more about plastics, their health and environmental impact, strategies for dealing with plastic disposal, and environmentally safer alternatives to plastic through public education programs and materials. The group continues to benefit from collaboration with the Straight Scoop on Shale project, a Pittsburgh-based League initiative which monitors new legislation and research on the effects of drilling unconventional natural gas, with special emphasis on health effects.

**Child Advocacy Committee on Education** will monitor emerging issues, activities, and policies related to the welfare of children in Indiana County. This committee will advocate for public policy based on established positions and will promote annual events designed to educate and improve the quality of life for children.

**Civic Participation Committee** will continue working through education and advocacy to increase diversity in elected and appointed officials, raise awareness of the duties of elected officials to those considering public service, and encourage attendance at public meetings to ensure that government agencies are fulfilling their responsibility to be transparent and accountable to the citizenry.

**Additional program items can be suggested from the floor.**

#### LWVIC Board of Directors, 2018-19

##### **Vicki Stelma**

President  
Newsletter Editor  
724-599-9225

##### **Cindy Rogers**

Vice President

##### **Ellen Chinn**

Treasurer

##### **Dreama VanCise**

Secretary

##### **Laurie LaFontaine**

##### **Aida Shotts**

##### **Anne Simmons**

##### **Kay Smith**

##### **Kay Snyder**

##### **Sandy Whitson**

**League of Women Voters of Indiana County Budget  
July 1, 2019 — June 30, 2020**

<b>I. INCOME</b>	
A. Dues 63 members @ \$55	\$ 3465.00
12 family memberships @ \$27.50	\$330.00
B. Contributions	635.00
C. Projects/ Other Sources	2678.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$7108.00</b>
<b>II. EXPENDITURES</b>	
A. General Administration	
1. President	\$ 20.00
2. Board Tools/Expenses	100.00
3. Administrative Committees	
a. Membership/Activities	100.00
b. Publicity	200.00
4. Operating Costs	
a. General Supplies	50.00
b. Insurance	200.00
c. Web Page	150.00
B. Delegates/Travel/Affiliations	
1. State/National Conventions	1000.00
2. Workshops	100.00
3. Annual Meeting (Local)	200.00
4. Board Planning (Retreat)	100.00
C. Financial Support	
1. National \$31/ member	2208.00
2. State \$20/member	1380.00
D. Program and Activities	
1. LWVIC Activities	100.00
2. Bulletin: <i>The Voter</i>	100.00
3. Action/Legislative Interviews	50.00
E. Committees	
1. Environmental Issues	200.00
2. Education	400.00
3. Voter Services	100.00
F. Misc.	50.00
G. Awards <i>Peggy Clark</i>	150.00
H. Fundraising	150.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7108.00</b>

**Report from the  
2018-19  
Nominating Committee**

The slate of nominees for two year terms beginning July 1, 2019:

**President:** To be nominated from the floor

**Secretary:** Sue Welsh

**Board Members:** Donna Cashdollar, Linda Gwinn, Kay Snyder

**Additional nominations will be taken from the floor. Please consider nominating yourself or a League friend for a board position this year.**

**Attention LWVIC members**—If you are interested in becoming a board member or running for an officer position, please contact the nominating committee (Olga Platt, Ellen Rud-dock, Anne Simmons) via [lwvindi-anacounty@gmail.com](mailto:lwvindi-anacounty@gmail.com). In addition, 1 year appointments to the board are available for interested members who would like to become more involved on a short term basis.

Serving on the board is a rewarding experience and a great way to contribute to the creation of a fair, vibrant, and strong community. 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.

## **GARAGE SALE TO BE HELD MAY 4 & 5**

We are once again holding our Annual Garage Sale fundraiser at Mack Park this year. We are sharing space and resources with the Humane Society's *Dawg Gone Flea Market*. The dates are **Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm** and **Sunday, May 5 from 12:00-4:00 pm** (which will be the \$5 bag sale).

**We will need to borrow tables and clothes racks**, which will be returned after the sale (or not if you want to donate them), so if you have card tables or any other kind of folding tables, or clothes racks, please bring them to the Mack Park location on April 26 or contact Ellen Chinn at [ellenchinn371@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenchinn371@hotmail.com) or 724-388-1412 and pick up will be arranged.

We will be accepting donations **April 26 & 27 and April 29 through May 3 from 9:00 am-noon** at the Mack Park location near the grandstands. We will accept almost anything: nicer, gently used clothes, books, CDs, DVDs, tools, household items, sheets, blankets, towels, curtains, shoes, small electronics and appliances (if they work and have all necessary cables/cords), baskets, craft supplies, jewelry, stationery, toys, children's stuff, and whatever else you have that you think might sell. If you have trouble getting to the fairgrounds during these times, please let Ellen Chinn know, and she will arrange for pick up.

**During the drop-off times, we will need volunteers to help sort and price items. We also need people to work the sale on Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Ellen Chinn** ([ellenchinn371@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenchinn371@hotmail.com) or 724-388-1412) **to volunteer.**

Please help in whatever way you can. This is our only major fundraiser of the year, so go through your belongings, spring clean, downsize, organize, and donate. Don't forget to hit up friends and neighbors, relatives and organizations. And, of course, volunteer if you are able. Thank you in advance for making this a successful cooperative venture.

## **SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON PRIMARY DAY**

Mark your calendars! Tuesday, May 21, is election day in Pennsylvania, and it's a little bit different this year; it's both a primary and a special election, and every registered voter is eligible to vote in the special election.

If you are registered with one of the major parties, you will be choosing your party's nominees to run in the general election in November, as usual during the primary. If you are registered as an independent, with another party, or with one of the major parties, you will be voting in the special election and casting your vote for District 41's new state senator who will fill this seat until November 2020.

Because PA Senator Don White resigned in February, this special election was set and will be held the same day as the primary, so even if you don't belong to one of the major parties but you are a registered voter, please show up at the polls on Tuesday, May 21. Exercise your democratic right to choose who represents you in Harrisburg.

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## CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, April 22**—Last day to register to vote before the primary

**Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5**—Annual Garage Sale (Mack Park)  
(see page 3 for details)

**Tuesday, May 14**—Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

**Tuesday, May 21**—Primary Election + Special Election for the 41st PA  
Senate District

**Wednesday, May 22, 5:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm program**—Annual Meet-  
ing, Ramada (1395 Wayne Avenue, Indiana) (see page 1 for details)

**Friday, June 21—Sunday, June 23**—LWVPA Convention, Reading, PA

Know someone who  
may be interested in  
membership?

Let Membership  
Chair Sandy Whitson  
know at  
swhitson8@comcast.  
net, and she will send  
a brochure & letter  
describing LWVIC'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.*