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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: 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

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. Bring your April Voter with you. It contains information about everything we will be voting on. Best of all, enjoy the company of fellow "Leaguers".

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

SOME INTERESTING WATER ISSUES WEBSITES

The US House just passed a bill which will mandate that the Federal government do research on the effects of small amounts of complex pharmacological chemicals in our water supplies. Most people on public water systems, and many who are not, have measurable amounts of these chemicals in their water. This bill passed with strong bi-partisan support in the House.

Check these websites for more information:

Please visit WREN websites: www.drinkingwaterwise.org and <http://wren.palwv.org>

Representative Bean's press release at:

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/il08_bean/04_23_09_drinking_water.html

LWVIC AT THE STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

Members of the Environmental Issues Committee will be holding a caucus meeting at the State Convention on 6/6/09 to present information on Marcellus Shale issues and hope to recommend action steps under the state LWV's natural resources position.

STATE CONVENTION

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Convention will be held June 5—7 in Clarion. 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 LWVIC will have some scholarship funds available to interested members.

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 Indian.

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 724-465-5056, or lwvic@yourinter.net and check the LWVPA website for more information.

A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

On Saturday, March 14, the League of Women Voters of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, participated in the Family Fun Fest at the Indiana Mall, sponsored by the Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County. Each group was asked to choose a children's book as the theme of their display. We chose “Duck for President” by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin. Duck does not like the chores he has to do on the farm and decides to run for President. After he was elected, he found that “running a county is very hard work!” He left the Vice President in charge and headed back to the farm.

Our poster said -

“President Obama began his job in January and is working very hard. What are some things you think he should try to do for children in the U.S.?”

Ninety-nine children wrote their responses. We think these children from a rural county in Western Pennsylvania demonstrate hope for the future of our nation with their concerns for the needs of others. We thought you might enjoy reading their comments:

Here are some of the Quotes from the letter that was sent to President Obama:

Is it peaceful living in the White House? (Drew)

Just be a good President and stand your ground. (Aaron)

Help kids read. (Maisie, Kelsey, Jennifer)

Encourage gardening in schools. (Skyler)

Help us make our schools better. (Andria, Max Christian, Watson)

Make no homework anymore because we can learn it at school. (Kai)

Please help ones that can't get around very well. (Hannah)

Help kids get exercise; help kids play; help kids have a place to play. (Skyler, Carolyn, Richard)

Help the earth and be good. (Fina)

Lower gas prices. (Rebecca)

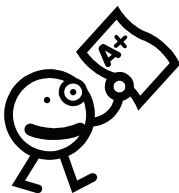
Don't let abortion stay in our country. (Tiffany)

Give everyone free ice cream! (Maggie)

Help homeless people; Build houses for pour (sic) people. Houses for children. (Zaryng, Ian, Bridget)

Buy toys for poor kids. (Izabella, Eddie)

Bring troops home. (Mackenzie, Dylonn, Mark)



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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2—Annual Garage Sale-Susan McClure's garage—8:00 am to 1:00 pm

May 4—Marcellus Shale committee Meeting—Mary Beth Sweeney's home at 10:00 am

May 7—Annual Meeting, Blue Spruce Lodge, Blue Spruce Park, 6:00 pm
Cost \$9.00 payable at door

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

May 21—LWVIC Board Meeting—Diane Duntley's home—7:00 pm

June 5-7—LWV State convention—Clarion Holiday Inn

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

The LWVIC will be somewhat inactive during the summer months following the Convention. The next Voter will appear in September.

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.



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.