

Voter Registration Drives Held

Led by Karen Ross, the LWVIC recently held voter registration drives at the Indiana Free Library, Wyotech, IUP, the Indiana Farmer's Market, and the Apollo Memorial Library. Thanks go out to volunteers Faye Bradwick, Carmy Carranza, JoAnne Ferraro, Pepita Jimenez-Jacobs, Carol Maderer, Clarice Reber, Karen Ross, Ellen Ruddock, Dawn Seagren, Aida Shotts, Anne Simmons, Sara Steelman, Dreama Van Cise-Watta, Drista Wyrick, and Tina Zins.



Above, Karen Ross registers a voter at IUP

During these drives, volunteers registered more than 20 citizens, collected a few requests for absentee ballots, and dispensed information and registration forms.

The largest amount of new voters were registered at Wyotech and IUP. Although we enjoyed meeting the public and answering questions, our other drives did not yield many applications. We will continue to try different venues as we attempt to reach more potential voters.

If you have any suggestions for places that might be more productive, please contact Karen Ross at ross.bert1@gmail.com.

League Provides Resources for Leaders and Members

Speaking with one voice is a crucial tenet of the League, and League members are always encouraged to take action on League topics as individuals. There are two resources available to League leaders and members to help us understand League positions on a variety of issues.

Impact on Issues—Online Edition (<http://www.lwv.org/content/impact-issues-online-edition>) is designed to help League leaders understand League public policy positions. Impact on Issues contains official statements of position for LWVUS program areas and briefly traces significant past actions and achievements relating to these positions.

A great resource for understanding LWVPA positions is Where We Stand (http://www.palwv.org/files/126_WhereWeStand.pdf) which outlines LWVPA positions regarding representative government, natural resources and social policy, and is designed to be used in conjunction with the Impact on Issues.

Learn Geocaching

Andy Davis will present "Geocaching 101" at an Evergreen Conservancy sponsored event at Blue Spruce Park's Lakeside Center on November 8 at 6:00 pm. Geocaching can be thought of as part treasure hunt, a workout, and a technical challenge. Dress appropriately since part of the presentation will be outdoors. For more information contact 724-471-6020 or evergreenconservancy@gmail.com.

Dear League Members:

As you may know, Sherene Hess our League president, recently lost her husband, Mark. There has been a flurry of e-mails asking what we, as a League, will do for a memorial. Many League members feel that they would like to do something for Sherene and Mark's sons.

In doing some checking, Beth Marshall found that the Hess boys (of which there are four) have PA TAP Education accounts to which we can donate. The League of Women Voters board met on Monday, September 16, and voted to have a one time collection and issue a check which would be divided into these funds however Sherene sees fit. The oldest son is already in college, and the second one is a senior in high school.

If you decide to participate in this collection, a check can be made out to LWVIC with "Hess Ed Fund" in the memo line and sent to the following address:

Sandy Whitson, Treas.
402 Elm St.
Indiana, PA 15701

Monies will be collected until December 1, 2013, and a check will then be written according to Sherene's instructions.

Thank you.

Sandy Whitson, Treasurer, LWVIC

Agriculture Study Committee Currently Forming

The LWVIC is currently forming its local committee to participate in a LWVUS study to update our position on agricultural policy. The committee will meet in early October to decide how to inform our members about the national study. **Call Beth Marshall at 724-465-8974 or email her at nextlife@comcast.net if you want to be on the committee.** Both League members and non-League members are welcome to be on the committee.

The scope of the study will be limited to the following areas: 1. Technology issues including GMOs, pesticide and herbicide use, water pollution, aquifer depletion, antibiotics in livestock, and accurate food labeling; and, 2. Current agriculture finance issues including consolidation in the agriculture industry, crop subsidies, and the federal agriculture regulatory process.

The Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County is currently holding a flower sale to raise money for their programs.

Visit http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=16051 for details.

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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 7—Last day to register for the November election

Saturday, October 19—Day of Play sponsored by Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County (S&T Arena)

Monday, October 21, 5:30 pm—Board Meeting, All Members Welcome, PASEC meeting room, (1005 Oak Street, 2nd floor)

Monday, October 21, 7:00 pm—"Affordable Care Act: Medicare/Medicaid Impact" Forum sponsored by LWWIC (Oak Place Community Center, Aging Services, Oak Street, Indiana)

Saturday, November 23, 9:00 am-5:00 pm—"Shale Drilling and Public Health: A Day of Discovery" Conference (Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh)

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.