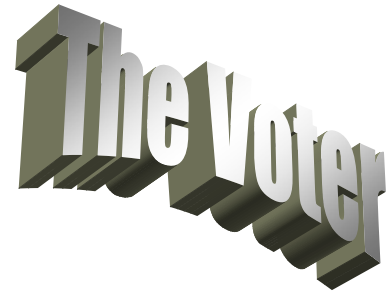




**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

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**CALENDAR**

**March 6, Monday, Board Meeting** at Joyce Hale's, 285 Cleburn, 6:30 p.m.

**March 15, Wednesday, Monthly Member Meeting**, Local Program Planning, Patsy Ferritor's house, 577 Rockcliff Rd. Wine and cheese party. See *Voter* story.

**March 27, Monday, Women's History Banquet**, Clarion Inn, 6:30 p.m. See *Voter* article for details.

**April 1, Saturday, Walker Park Trail Walk** led by Patsy Ferritor. See *Voter* article for information.

**April 3, Monday, Board Meeting** at Joyce Hale's, 285 Cleburn, 6:30 p.m.

**April 19, Wednesday, Monthly Member Meeting**, "Study of the Department of Human Services in Washington County", Blair Library, 11:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. Betty Solis is chair of this Program.

**April 29, Saturday, Arkansas State League Council**, Little Rock, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The program will focus on educational and water issues. See *Voter* article below. Let's plan to carpool.

**May 18, Thursday, Annual Meeting**, 5:30 p.m. Place to be determined.

**From Libby's Desk**

Kudos to Karen Minkel and the committee that put together the February League program on the Arkansas Judiciary. I think we were all surprised at how little we knew of our State's judicial system and how pleasurable learning about it could be. Panelists J.D. Gingerich, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; Attorney David Matthews; Circuit Judge Kim Smith; and John Watkins, University of Arkansas Law School Professor, discussed Amendment 80 from their respective viewpoints. They shared their knowledge and experience with us using good examples and humor. We were pleased to learn that all panelists felt that Amendment 80 judicial reforms have improved the court system. Thanks to Dr. Bill Schreckhise of the U of A Political Science Department for so ably moderating the panel and for serving on the planning committee along with Karen Rollet-Crocker, Genie Donovan, Calysta Johnson, Sally Kelley, Bettie Lu Lancaster, Gwen Millager, Lisa Eldridge and chair, Karen Minkel. About 80 people attended.

The National League of Women Voters is soliciting proposals for the Russian Hosting Program, which six Leagues participated in last year. Our League has submitted two proposals and hopes to be one of the 12 Leagues chosen to host four Russian guests and an interpreter for eight days this fall. The guidelines for proposals changed after we had planned an agenda on the theme of volunteerism. So a second proposal focusing on medical services in Healthy Communities was also submitted. Should our League be selected, you will hear much more about this---and probably be asked to help! Committee members for this project are Steve Neuse, Mary Alice Serafini, Bettie Lu Lancaster, Margaret Clark, Libby Wheeler, and Nancy McCartney

**From Libby's Desk** continued

As you can see from the calendar above, this is a busy time for the League. So please note these dates and join us for interesting programs in the coming months.

### **THE MARCH MEMBER MEETING**

The March Member Meeting will be a wine and cheese event at the home of Patsy Ferritor. The date: March 15 at 7:00 p.m. The topic is local program choosing. Libby Wheeler and Jana Britton will prepare a list of items to be considered at that meeting. Directions to Patsy's home: Go to Hyland Park Road off HWY 265 and take the second Rockcliff Road to your right (after winding to your left and up a hill). The address is 577 Rockcliff (on the left). This was a good meeting last year, and we hope to see you on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Joyce Hale**

### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BANQUET**

**Monday, March 27, 6:30 p.m**

**Clarion Inn, I-540 & Hwy 62**

**\$16.00 per person**

**Menu: House Salad, Lemon Basil Chicken, Green Beans Almandine, Oven Roasted Potatoes, dinner Rolls, Homemade cobbler, Iced tea and coffee.**

Make checks payable to Washington County League of Women Voters (LWV). RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY. No walk-ins; no reservations after the deadline! Reservations to Mary Bess Mulhollan must be received no later than noon Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available from Mary Bess at the March Member Meeting at Patsy's. You may also purchase them by calling Mary Bess at 442-7333 or by sending a check to her at 3917 E. Caston Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72701.

**Mary Bess Mulhollan**

### **WALKER PARK TRAIL WALK**

**April 1, at 9:00 a.m.**

**Tennis Courts**

The League is going to explore the new and improved Walker Park on April 1. If you haven't been there lately, or want to share a leisurely walk with fellow League members, please join us.

**Patsy Ferritor**