



The League of Women Voters of Washington County

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 28, 2016: Soup Sunday, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, , 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., John Q. Hammonds Center, Rogers.

March 1, 2016: Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Judicial General Election Day, Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Early voting is February 16 to February 29.

March 5, 2016: Iron Jawed Angels, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Shiloh Museum, 118 W. Johnson Avenue, Springdale. Sponsored by PBW (Professional Business Women)

March 7, 2016: AAUW Program on Judicial Equality for Mental Health, Nancy Kahanak, 5:30 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. program, Witherspoon Building, First United Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville.

March 17, 2016: League of Women Voters of Washington County and Arkansas United Community Coalition, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the AUCC Headquarters/NWAR Immigrant Resource Center, 1301 E. Robinson Avenue, Suite B6, Springdale.

Let's All Meet At Soup Sunday!

Laura Kellams

Rather than a February meeting, League members are gathering for a fun, delicious and meaningful outing together. **Please join us at Soup Sunday on Feb. 28 in Rogers!** The event benefits Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, an organization that works for many of the same goals as the League: a better-educated state, health care access for all, a more equitable tax system and better care for children in foster care or the juvenile justice system. The Rogers event supports the work of the organization's Northwest Arkansas regional office.

Soup Sunday features delicious homemade soups, breads and desserts from **33 local restaurants and caterers**. Guests sample to their hearts' content from local chefs' best offerings, while children dance to live music, participate in a limbo contest and more. A live auction features a **7-night stay in a five-bedroom private home in Costa Rica**, all supporting the good work of the Northwest Arkansas office of Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families.



Soup Sunday

Sunday, February 28th

4-7 p.m.

John Q. Hammons Center in Rogers

Tickets: \$25 for adults in advance (\$30 after 5 p.m. Feb. 26)

\$10 for kids 5-17, Free for kids under 5

Order tickets and find more information at:

<http://www.aradvocates.org/events/northwest-arkansas-soup-sunday/>

Or 479-927-9800.

Why, What, How, and Hispanic Voters

Rita Officer

- Did you know that in the Hispanic community men vote more frequently than women? Wives often uncertain, prefer to let spouses vote for them.
- Did you know that in Arkansas, every year, 7,000 Hispanic citizens turn 18 and approximately 40,000 Hispanic citizens who are eligible to vote do not vote?

On March 17, the League is partnering with an exciting statewide organization, Arkansas United Community Coalition (AUCC), to present a program focusing on the vast untapped potential of minority groups in NWA. AUCC provides a minority candidate school, as well as issue based campaigns and a variety of immigrant services.

AUCC plans to run a candidate in the fall for the Springdale school board and the League has committed to help with a candidate forum in early September.

The Why, What, How, and Hispanic Voters program is an opportunity for AUCC to introduce itself to the League and for the League to learn about the dynamic and rapidly growing political force in Arkansas.

The program will feature a panel with speakers from AUCC, our League's own Laura Kellams and a speaker with a political science background. This is an opportunity for the League to spread its wings into Springdale!

The LWVWC/AUCC Program is March 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with wonderful refreshments supplied by AUCC. The LWVWC/AUCC program will take place at the AUCC Headquarters/NWAR Immigrant Resource Center, 1301 E. Robinson Avenue, Suite B6, Springdale, located behind Mazzio's Pizza on 412 in Springdale. Take 265 North from Fayetteville, turn Right on Robinson (at Kum and Go) and turn right at Mazzios.

Call Rita Officer(200-0412) or Libby Wheeler(521-1158) if you need transportation.

Women in History 2016 Awards and Banquet Plans

Lynne Seymour

This year's Women in History Banquet will be held on March 28, 2016 at the Chancellor Hotel near the Fayetteville Square (same location as last year). The doors will open at 5:30 PM and the banquet will begin at 6 PM. Tickets will be available soon. It was necessary to increase the ticket price from 25.00\$ to 30.00\$ this year. The deadline for nominations has passed, and a nomination has been submitted by the LWV. Recipients of the awards will be notified by February 25.

Last year's banquet was enjoyable and inspiring and we hope to see everyone there again this year. For tickets and or questions about the awards or banquet please contact Lynne' Seymour: lwseymour@gmail.com or phone at [479-571-8127](tel:479-571-8127).

Further information may be found at the WHBC's e-mail account :

washcowhm@gmail.com or at the WHBC Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/washcowhm>.

LWVWC Voter Registration Initiative

Joyce Hale

Thanks to all of you for making this voter registration such a successful activity. I am so grateful for eleven to come together on very short notice and volunteer a total of 53 hours! We registered 141 new and changed address applications and passed out early voting information to about 250. It was a very enjoyable activity and while doing something important, it was also a wonderful way to let the public have a look at our organization in action. I think it was successful because people saw a display that could remind them the minute they walked through the doors; we could check out if they were already registered; and we helped them to understand the importance of the Arkansas's cross-over primary and that they didn't have to declare a party affiliation to vote.

Volunteers included Joyce Hale, Peggy Chenault, Genie Donovan, Nancy Kahanak, Julie Moody, Sarah Thompson, Angela Danovi, Libby Wheeler, Bettie Lu Lancaster, Mary Alice Serafini and Phil Serafini.

The Fayetteville Public Library is looking forward to having us return again in the fall for National Voter Registration Day which is on Tuesday, September 27. It is interesting that September is the start of our membership drive. See you at the polls!

From the Board of Directors

Mary Alice Serafini

The Board of Directors is happy to welcome Peggy Chenault who will take the lead in Voter Services!

The Board thanks J.P. Peters for her LWVWC service on the Board of Directors. J.P. is stepping down to be active in her many pursuits and commitments.

The League of Women Voters is a multi-issue organization, whose mission is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in the government and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

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