



# The League of Women Voters Washington County

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## Calendar

- April 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, 11:30 – 1:00pm, Monthly Member Meeting “Local Markets,” Fayetteville Public Library  
April 25 – 26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday and Sunday, LWV Arkansas Convention, Fayetteville; Fayetteville Public Library (Saturday); Washington County Office (Sunday)  
May 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday , Agenda Meeting, 11:30am, Hog’s Breath Eatery  
May 11<sup>th</sup> – Monday, 6:30pm – Board Meeting, Joyce Hale’s home, 285 W. Cleburn  
May 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, 6:00pm – LWVWC Annual Meeting, First United Presbyterian Church, 695 Calvin St., Fayetteville

## From Libby’s Desk

The year is winding down, but there is much activity packed into these last two months.

First and foremost, our LWVWC is hosting the state LWV convention here in Fayetteville, April 25-26. Judy Carey and Betty Solis are busy getting volunteers to help with many details. Our goal is to make this convention fun and inexpensive. Since we will be celebrating Earth Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>, the programs have an environmental focus. Our own Genie Donovan and Wanda Stephens will be inducted into the LWVAR Hall of Fame at Saturday’s luncheon. Sunday’s program will focus on League matters, with sessions on advocacy and League procedures and mission. We are proud to be hosting this event and appreciate all those who have registered and who have volunteered to help.

The LWVWC **Annual Meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Details and business to be conducted are included elsewhere in this newsletter. This is always an interesting event, and I hope you will put the date on your calendar and attend.

And, finally, we are always looking for women and men interested in being board members. With annual legislative sessions in the future, the mission of the League and the opportunities it has to influence public policy in our state are more important than ever. Please sign on if you want to be involved.

**LWVWC Nominating Committee Report - 2009-2010  
for Year 2010-2011**

**PROPOSED SLATE**

**Officers:**

President: Joyce Hale 2011  
First Vice Pres.: Barbara Farley 2010  
Second Vice Pres.: Sara Caulk 2011  
Secretary: Nancy McCartney 2010  
Treasurer: Susan Rauch 2011

**Board of Directors: Elected**

Judy Carey 2011  
Karen Rollet-Crocker 2011  
Sally Kelley 2011

**Board of Directors: Elected, Continuing Terms**

Bettie Lu Lancaster 2010  
Carolyn Madison 2010  
Mary Bess Mulhollan 2010  
Marge Zinke 2010

**Board Members to be Appointed**

Libby Wheeler 2011  
Genie Donovan 2011  
Mary Alice Serafini 2011  
(more to be appointed by Board)

**Nominting Committee for year 2010-2011**

Betty Solis (Chair)  
Barbara Taylor  
Karen Minkle  
(2 more appointed by Board)

**Repectfully Submitted by:**

Jo Bennett, Chair  
Brenda Thiel  
Mary Bess Mulhollan  
Jeanine Neuse  
Judy Carey

**LWVWC Annual Meeting**

The Annual Potluck Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Washington County will be Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm, at the First United Presbyterian Church, 695 Calvin St., Fayetteville. Representative Ulvalde Lindsey will be the speaker and will convey his impressions of the recently concluded 2009 Legislative Session. Please bring your favorite dish to share; drink, plates and utensils will be provided. This is our year-end event, where program interests for next year are decided, so please come and express your opinion.

Program for Action 2008-2009

Suggested Changes to be Voted on at the Annual Meeting, May 21, 2009

Please Refer to the Program for Action on the LWVWC's Website

**Only Changes are Noted and are in Italics**

***I. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION***

(1988, 2006, 2008)

The LWVWC supports coordinated public transportation service in Washington County with the following provisions:

2. Cooperation among government and private entities for the purpose of regional solutions, *such as light rail;*
3. Use of *adequate* public and private funds to subsidize public transportation;
4. *Weighting the social and environmental as well as economic considerations in all planned phases of public transportation;*
5. *Dedication of a portion of Regional Mobility Authority funds to alternative transportation options.*

**II. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

6. Maximize, *(comma added)* to the extent practicable, conservation and utilization of energy available from the disposal process;

**III. TREE AND LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE**

*Unbold lettering in statements 1, 5, 14 and 16*

1. Create a desirable environment for business, industry as well as residential areas *(delete;)* by moderating effects of sun, wind and rain and buffering noise, air and visual pollution *(delete . and add ;)*

14. *Add the acronym LID after the words "Low Impact Design"*

**IV. WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL AND JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

5. Adequate jail space,*(add comma)* staffing, rehabilitation programs and professional staff;
6. *Delete the comma after the word "prison"*

**VIII. SIGN ORDINANCE**

1. The present Washington County (*cap.*) sign ordinance, No. 96-1, (*add comma*) is inadequate.

**IX. PARKS MANAGEMENT**

*Second section, no. 1 A trained park consultant should update (delete words "be hired to draw up") the plan.*

**X. SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS**

7. *Delete the "s" from the word "Offers"*

**XI. PROTECTION OF ECOSYSTEMS**

*Changes to this section have been made to conform to the style of the overall document. Substance has not been changed.*

The LWVWC supports conservation of areas that are highly ranked ecosystems within the watersheds of communities in Washington County as determined by scientific study through the following policies:

1. *Designating in land use planning areas that are highly ranked ecosystems;*
2. *Balancing land preservation and community development in the future transition from farmland, prairies and woodlands to urbanization;*
3. *Encouraging public sector conservation efforts or purchase of highly ranked properties through the use of tax credits, transfer of development rights or property taxes;*
4. *Promoting private fund raising for land conservation efforts through public/private matching programs;*

5. *Developing through cooperation of political entities in NWAR regional and county park systems for the future use of all citizens;*
6. *Supporting and encouraging public education about the links between preservation of natural areas, community health, environmental sustainability, economic growth and resistance to global warming .*

### **Programs You Will Not Want to Miss!**

Can't make it to all of the League of Women Voters of Arkansas's State Convention? Perhaps you have enough time to hear at least one of the programs that help focus on Earth Day. League members as well as the public are invited to the Fayetteville Public Library for these special presentations on April 25<sup>th</sup> at no charge:

10:15 to 11:30 a.m. – "**Everything is Connected: Water Quality in Arkansas and Poverty in Africa**" by Dr. Marty Matlock, Associate Professor of Ecological Engineering in the Biological and Ecological Engineering Department at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Matlock is deeply involved in sustainability and the impact of humans on ecosystems, especially water. In working toward ecosystem restoration design and management he serves as an advisor for five national organizations and provides technical support for USDA FAS in the Mid-East Peace Process.

2:00 to 3:15 p.m. – "**What You Need to Know About Natural Gas Production and Delivery**" by Dr. Theo Colborn, who has written and lectured widely on the human health and environmental threats posed by endocrine disruptors and other industrially-produced chemicals at low concentrations in the environment. Dr. Colborn founded a scientific non-profit organization which reports environmental policy development and analysis, environmental advocacy, medical ethics, philosophy and children's environmental health. As a Colorado resident, she has studied the impact of natural gas development and is nationally recognized for warning the public of related health risks.

### **Annual Meeting**

**League members will have the chance to vote on new board members, our Program for Action and the topics or theme for next year's programming. This issue of the Voter features the proposed Program for Action, which contains minor grammatical changes and more significant changes to the Public Transportation section.**

**The members who attended the March program meeting did not propose a unifying theme for next year's programs; rather, members proposed a new format, which was piloted this year for transportation and conservation easements. Instead of a conventional panel or solo speaker for each program, members proposed to devote two or three programs to a single topic. These programs would be some combination of information program, study circle, and possibly policy recommendation discussion.**

**Example of program series:**

- **Informational program: A solo speaker or panel provide an overview of a topic or share opposing viewpoints.**
- **Study circle: The organizing committee selects relevant materials for members to read prior to the discussion. A facilitator provides questions to be discussed and distributes the questions before the study circle. Attendees may suggest changes or additions to the Program for Action based on the discussion.**
- **Additional discussion or experiential program: Members could conduct their own interviews and report back or take a field trip to gain some hands-on experience related to the topic. For example, if the issue is watershed protection, members could visit a restored wetland.**

**This format will enable a committee of interested members to organize a series rather than a single program, and the study circle gives members a chance to discuss significant policy issues in preparation for the March program meeting.**

**Several ideas were generated as possible topics during the March meeting and are listed below. Members are free to add topics at the Annual meeting.**

- 1. Health Care**
- 2. Foster Care**
- 3. Transportation**

## **Membership**

**Below is the list of 100 members who had paid by 1/31/09, the deadline on the national website. Since then, membership payments have also been received from 10 others:**

James Bennett

Laura Kellams

Jim House

Delia Haak

Ann Ternes Rosso

Debra Sexton

Diana Worthen

Linda Nicometo

Kelly Haley

Emily Hart

League of Women Voters -  
Washington County:

Members Paid as of 01/31/09:

1. Ackerman, Bootsie
2. Allen, Nancy
- 3-4. Alward, Lois & Harry
5. Anderson, Mary Pat
6. Belden, Leslie
7. Belzung, Wanda
8. Bennett, Jo
9. Boyd, Catherine
10. Bradberry, Hope - New
11. Bukey, Anita
12. Burton, Mary
13. Carey, Judith
14. Carver, Lynn Donald
- 15-16. Caulk, Sara & Robert - New
17. Clark, Margaret
18. Cunningham, Bethel
19. Davis, Betty
20. Davis, Jane S.
21. Dillard, Mary
22. Donovan, Genie
23. Drummonds, Joy - New
24. Everett, Nettie - New
25. Farley, Barbara
26. Ferritor, Patsy
27. Fitzpatrick, Mary
28. Ford, Pearl - New
- 29-30. Gaston, Colene & Roger  
Montgomery
31. Haak, Delia
- 32-33. Hale, Joyce & James
34. Hayes, Lois - New -  
NATIONAL
35. Heinzelman, Margo
36. Henry, Courtney
37. Hensman, Patricia

38. Howick, Elizabeth
39. Jansma, Harriet
40. Kelley, Sally
41. Kennedy, Mary Lynn
42. King, John W.
43. Koeppe, Jessie - New -  
NATIONAL
44. Lancaster, Bettie Lu
- 45-46. Leflar, Sarah & Rob
47. Madison, Carolyn B.
48. Madison, Sue
49. Malbin, Bonnie
50. Mann, Louise
51. Marsh, Mina - New
52. McCartney, Nancy
53. McSpadden, Karen - New
54. Miller, Nanette Nelson - New
- 55-56. Minkel, Karen & Justin
57. Morgan, Izola
- 58-59. Mueller, Kristen & David  
Hunter
60. Mulhollan, Mary Bess
- 61-62. Neuse, Jeanine & Steven
63. Orton, Marion
- 64-65. Parry, Janine & William  
Schreckhise
66. Penhallegon, Timothy
67. Peters, J. P.
68. Prichard, Anne
69. Rausch, Susan - New
70. Rawn, Molly - New
71. Richardson, Janet
72. Roark, Kelly - New
73. Rollet-Crocker, Karen
74. Russert-Kraemer, Louise
- 75-76. Scroggs, Jane and James
77. Seitz, Berta
- 78-79. Serafini, Mary Alice & Phil

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 80. Shaunfield, Adrienne - New       | 88. Tweraser, Gene                |
| 81. Smith, Lindsley                  | 89. Ulick, Virginia               |
| 82. Solis, Betty                     | 90-91. Underwood, Leann & William |
| 83. Stephens, Wanda                  | 92. Ward, Martha                  |
| 84. Taylor, Barbara                  | 93. Webb, Alice                   |
| 85. Templeton, Bobbie Nell           | 94. Weidner, Shea - New           |
| 86. Theil, Brenda                    | 95. Werner, Melissa               |
| 87. Torbett, Janice                  |                                   |
| 96. Wheeler, Libby                   |                                   |
| 97. Wilson, Amy                      |                                   |
| 98. Wilson, Frances - New - NATIONAL |                                   |
| 99. Wyckoff, Marion                  |                                   |
| 100. Zinke, Marge                    |                                   |

League of Women Voters of Washington County      Report date      4/15/09

	BUDGETED 2008-2009		PROJECTED BUDGET09-10
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Dues	4,110.00	3,400.00	3,700.00
Contributions - Members	1,400.00	770.00	1,000.00
Non-members	1,500.00	766.00	1,200.00
Grants			
Interest AG Edwards Reg.	400.00	153.01	200.00
Interest AG Edwards Sch.	60.00	20.52	30.00
Other Sources/Reserves	1,060.00	20.00	3,670.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>8,530.00</b>	<b>5,129.53</b>	<b>9,800.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>A. OPERATING COSTS:</b>			
Duplication	100.00	76.64	50.00
Supplies	300.00	94.14	100.00
Postage	150.00	105.83	75.00
Board, Committees, Meetings	200.00	45.54	200.00
Finance Drive	320.00	104.88 Telephone	275.00
<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>1,070.00</b>	<b>427.03</b>	<b>700.00</b>
<b>B. MEETINGS/TRAVEL:</b>			
State Convention/Council	150.00		150.00
National Convention		767.99	2,200.00
Annual Meeting	100.00		100.00
Other Meetings	50.00		50.00
<b>SUBTOTAL MEETINGS/TRAVEL</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>767.99</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>C. FINANCIAL SUPPORT (DUES):</b>			
State PMP	1,110.00	975.00	1,000.00
Pledge to LWVAR	400.00	400.00	400.00



National PMP	3,000.00	1,603.25	3,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>4,510.00</b>	<b>2,978.25</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>
<b>D. VOTER</b>			
Postage	150.00	183.59	200.00
Printing	250.00	52.52	150.00
<b>SUBTOTAL VOTER</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>236.11</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>E. EDUCATIONAL:</b>			
Publications Purchased	150.00		100.00
Publications Produced	150.00		100.00
Programs	600.00	165.70	500.00
Grants			
Voter Service	700.00	995.06	500.00
<b>SUBTOTAL EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	<b>1,160.76</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>F. POSITION SUPPORT:</b>	<b>150.00</b>		<b>150.00</b>
<b>G. BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND:</b>	<b>500.00</b>	105.00	<b>500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>8,530.00</b>	<b>5,432.50</b>	<b>9,800.00</b>

**CURRENT FUND BALANCES**

Bank of Fayetteville (Checking)	1,392.77
A.G. Edwards (Reg. Account)	16,354.69
A.G. Edwards (Scholarship)	2,194.06
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>19,941.52</b>

**FINANCE DRIVE REPORT**

Seven hardworking League members sent out letters last month requesting financial support from members and from the community. The result has been gratifying if not overwhelming. If you have not responded to the letter, please give it your consideration.

Below are the names of community supporters. When you meet these people, remember to thank them for their interest in the League:

Marilyn Edwards	Janet Tucker
Michael and Allison Malone	Shelby Rogers
Ozark Steel Co.	U of A Libraries
Carmen Diaz-Bolton	William Shuman

Member Contributors:

Mary Burton	Leslie Belden
Colene Gaston/Roger Montgomery	Wanda Belzung
Anita Bukey	Emily Hart
Bettie Lu Lancaster	Harriet Jansma
Izola Morgan	Steven & Jeanine Neuse
Mr.&Mrs. William Underwood	Martha Ward
Jo Bennett	Judy Carey
Joel/Lynn Carver	Jane Davis
Mary Dillard	Genie Donovan
Elizabeth Howick	William Schreckhise/Janine Parry
Berta Seitz	Phillip/Mary Alice Serafini
Brenda Thiel	Libby Wheeler

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!!!

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