

# THE VOTER

## *League of Women Voters of Knox County*

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## League of Women Voters of Knox County

# 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

5:30 p.m. – Monday,  
March 15, 2010

Fort Sackville Room  
VU – Beckes Student Union  
Vincennes, IN 47591

*Guest Speaker:*

**LINDSAY RUMP**

*The Women's Suffrage Movement in Rural  
America;  
Small Town Momentum and Strength  
1865-1930*

Registration/Social	5:30 – 6:00
Dinner	6:00 – 6:45
Speaker	6:45 – 7:30
Business Meeting	7:30 – 8:30

#### Menu

Apple-stuffed Chicken Breast  
Fresh Mixed Greens with Vingerette Dressing  
Roasted Root Vegetables and Steamed Broccoli  
Wheat and White Rolls

Dessert – Shot Glass Parfait Selections

Cost: \$15.00 (payable at the door with dues of \$40.00)

RSVP by March 11 to  
882-3157 (leave a message)

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*Next...*  
**LUNCH WITH THE  
LEAGUE!!!**  
ALL ARE WELCOME

Where:  
Zanders, on Main Street,  
Vincennes  
(*Order off the menu*)

When:  
Wednesday, March 10

This month's topic:  
*"Learn about the  
League"*  
A chance for new  
members, residents and  
prospective members to  
learn about the LWV

**Don't forget to bring:**  
*Intelligent Co-workers  
Humorous Friends  
Darling Spouse*

## **Business for the Annual Meeting:**

### **1. Nominating Committee Report:**

#### **Officers:**

Co-Presidents	Cindy Helton Shannon O'Toole
Treasurer	Rita McCallister

#### **Directors:**

Dir. Observer Corps	Nancy Hensel
Dir. Action Legislation	Helen Julian
Dir. Voter Service	Judy Kratzner

### **2010 Nominating Committee:**

Chair –	Joyce Villwock
Committee –	Judy Hidde Miriam Boyd

*Respectfully submitted,  
2010 Nominating Committee*

### **2. Proposed ByLaws Revision:**

The following amendments were approved by the board to be voted on by the membership.

#### **Article II**

##### **Purposes and Policy**

*Section 1. Purposes.* The purposes of the Knox County League of Women Voters shall be ~~are~~ to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected government issues in conformity with the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

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### Article III

#### **Membership**

##### Section 2. Types of Membership.

The membership of the Knox County League of Women voters shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

A. *Voting members.* Citizens at least shall be persons 18 years of age or older who are citizens of the United State who join the local League and who resides in Knox County.

Any person who has been a member of the League of Women Voters of the United States for 50 years or more shall be an honorary life member and excused from the payment of dues.

B. *Associate members.* shall be All others persons who join the League shall be associate members.

(Articles II and III have been changed in order to parallel the national and state bylaws.)

### Article V

#### **Board of Directors**

Section 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. The President shall notify each member of the Board of all regular meetings by written or electronic notice, and shall notify each member of the Board of all

special meetings at least 3 days prior to such meetings.

### Article XII

#### **Amendments**

Section 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least three weeks in advance of the meeting.

*Adopted 1988, amended 1995, 2000, revised 2002, amended 2010*

## **3. Proposed Local Program**

The LWV of Knox County Board of Directors recommends the following local program for 2010-2011:

#### **Retain local positions on:**

- Child Care
- Domestic Violence
- Economic Development
- Solid Waste Recycling
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Planning and Zoning
- Impact of Illegal Drugs in Knox County
- Visioning for Knox County's Future

#### **Continue Action on Visioning for Knox County's**

##### **Future**

##### **Scope:**

Support the LWV of Knox County's position on *Visioning for Knox County's Future* by continued action on issues relating to HOUSING in KNOX COUNTY and adopt an action agenda to focus on HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES in KNOX COUNTY.

##### **Outlook for Work:**

Bring together ALL county wide stakeholders and League members to develop and support programs and/or plans that address county wide housing issues and issues relating to healthcare and social services with a focus on Communication, Collaboration, Regionalism and Community Pride (3CPR).

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### Proposed Local Program cont...

#### Continue the Action Agenda for Housing:

- 1) Support of current and new initiatives addressing affordable housing.
- 2) Support the growth of Neighborhood watch groups and associations countywide to include safety, neighborhood pride, assistance with neighborhood projects, and care of properties.
- 3) Increase efforts to clean-up communities and develop community pride.
- 4) Address issues regarding rental properties and increase enforcement of rental property ordinances.
- 5) Develop programs to assist homeowners in need with maintenance and repairs of existing housing.

#### Complete the Township Governance Study:

##### **Scope:**

*Study township government in Knox County in order to inform members and citizens about the duties and costs as well as explore county alternatives to township delivery of services*

##### **Outlook for Work:**

Research township government in Knox County by using and analyzing the following:

Published financial reports of the most recent calendar year

as the basis for financial information and analysis.

Interview the 10 township trustees in Knox County using a common interview form designed to gather specific information, elicit open-ended responses and allow for contrast and comparison between the offices.

Study the report of the Indiana Commission on Local Government Reform to understand recommendations

Review the State Board of Accounts audit for each of the trustees for the most recent two-year period.

Interview local, state and national experts concerning fire and medical emergency

Analyze findings and report to the community the impact of trustee government on Knox County and how Commission recommendation will impact Knox County if implemented.

#### **4. Finance Campaign Report:**

The 2009 Finance Campaign generated contributions totaling \$4,295, with donations received from sixty (60) individuals and organizations. Of this amount, forty-two (42) contributions, totaling \$2,900, were allocated to the General Fund, and nineteen (19) contributions, totaling \$1,395, were allocated to the Educational Fund. The League of Women Voters of Knox County thanks all contributors for their generosity and continued support of our efforts to promote civic education, participation, and leadership.

FIVE-YEAR HISTORY OF FINANCE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS		
Campaign Year	General Fund Contributions	Educational Fund Contributions
2009	\$2,900	\$1,395
2008	\$2,860	\$995
2007	\$2,100	\$1,510
2006	\$1,370	\$955
2005	\$1,410	\$1,265

Goals this year remain the same, \$2,000 for the General Fund and \$1,000 for the Educational Fund.

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### LWV FINANCE:

#### 2010-2011 LWV FINANCE CAMPAIGN

**What: The envelope Stuffing  
Party and April Board  
Meeting**

**When: April 4 at 5:00 pm**

**Where: KCPL Meeting House  
Board Room**

**Please plan to join us!**

*Many hands make for light,  
efficient work... and lots of  
laughs!*

*The LWV is a nonpartisan  
political organization.  
It encourages informed and  
active participation in  
government and works to  
increase understanding of  
major public policy issues and  
influence these issues through  
education and advocacy.*

*Please review the Education Fund and General  
Fund budgets below (pp. 5-6) and Upcoming  
Events Calendar (pg.7).*

#### 2009-10 Education Fund Budget

	<b>Budget 07-08</b>	<b>Budget 08-09</b>	<b>YTD 09-10</b>	<b>Proposed 10-11</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Balance brought Forward	---	\$3,000.00	\$4,459.72	\$4,460.00
Finance Campaign	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,345.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$5,804.72</b>	<b>\$5,460.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Education</b>				
Publications (Govt Guide)	\$500.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,500.00
Voter Service/MDW (Officials and Govt. Guides)	---	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Local Program (Visioning Action)	\$500.00	\$1,135.00		\$1,850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$3,635</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$4,850.00</b>
<b>Dues Paid</b>				
1/10 State PMP		\$45.00		\$50.00
1/4 National PMP		\$320.00	\$555.00	\$560.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$365.00</b>	<b>\$555.00</b>	<b>\$610.00</b>
<b>Total Exp.</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$555.00</b>	<b>\$5,460.00</b>
<b>Net Difference</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$5,249.72</b>	

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### *2010-11 General Fund Budget*

	<b>Budget 08-09</b>	<b>Budget 09-10</b>	<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>Proposed 10-11</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Balance Brought Forward	\$1,500.00	\$3000.00	\$3,658.00	\$3,500.00
Dues	\$1,400.00	\$1600.00	\$360.00	\$1,400.00
Finance Campaign	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,870.00	\$2,000.00
Other Income	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,800.00</b>	<b>\$7,538.91</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b><u>Administrative Expense</u></b>				
Finance Campaign	---		---	---
Postage	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$126.00	\$200.00
Printing	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$114.00	\$150.00
Total	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$240.00	\$350.00
Membership Expense				
Postage	\$35.00	\$75.00	---	\$75.00
Other	\$100.00	\$150.00	---	\$150.00
Total	\$135.00	\$225.00	---	\$225.00
<b>Total Admin. Exp.</b>	<b>\$385.00</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>
<b><u>Bulletin Expense (3)</u></b>				
Postage	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$200.00
Printing	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$130.50	\$500.00
<b>Total Bulletin Exp.</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$130.50</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b><u>Conventions Expense</u></b>				
Annual Meeting				
Food	\$300.00	\$300.00		\$300.00
Other	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$200.00
Total	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00
National/State Council/Workshops	\$689.00	\$500.00		\$1,093.00
Total Conv. Exp.	\$1,389.00	\$1,200.00	\$226.00	\$1,793.00
<b><u>Dues Payable</u></b>				
State Pledges	\$392.00	\$532.00	\$441.00	\$465.00
National PMP	\$634.00	\$993.00	\$506.00	\$967.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,026.00</b>	<b>\$1,525.00</b>	<b>\$947.00</b>	<b>\$1,432.00</b>
<b><u>Operation Expense</u></b>				
Postage/Supplies	\$50.00	\$75.00		\$75.00
Unit Meetings	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00
Misc.	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$560.00	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>	<b>\$560.00</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>
<b><u>Program &amp; Education</u></b>				
Publications	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$533.20	\$500.00
National/State Prog.	\$50.00	\$100.00	---	\$100.00
Local Program	\$500.00	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$875.00
Girls State	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
Voter Service	\$400.00	\$400.00		\$400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>	<b>\$1,383.20</b>	<b>\$2,375.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,325.00</b>	<b>\$3,486.70</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
KCCF Grant		<b>\$475.00</b>		
<b>Net Difference</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>\$6,325.00</b>	<b>\$4,052.21</b>	

- 1- Dues calculated for 35 members (31 PMP) at \$40.00 per member. Plan increase of 4 members
- 2- Expense based on 31 members @ \$14.00 for State dues and 31 members @\$29.20 for National dues
- 3- Bulletin Expense based on mailing 4 Bulletins and 4 meeting notices
- 4- Reflects partial cost of sending 1 delegate to LWVUS Convention in Atlanta (reg.\$295,hotel \$ 800)

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***Mark your calendars! We look forward to your input.***

**Join us to study and take action on the issues important to Knox County, the State and the Nation:**

**March 10:** Lunch with the League – *Zanders, noon*

**March 15:** Annual Meeting – Ft Sackville Room, VU, 6 p.m.

**April 19:** Meeting of the Minds – *Location TBA, 7:00 p.m.*

**April 14:** Lunch with the League, Generations update and information, Executive Director Laura Holscher-Smith – *Zanders, noon*

### **ONGOING: Help continue the LWN Observer Corps**

The purpose of the Observer Corps is to be the eyes and ears of the League of Women Voters of Knox County. It is to allow League members to know first hand what is happening in the meetings of the various county and city councils, commissions and boards.

Our hope is to have members attend various meetings of interest to them and then let the members know what was reported at those meetings.

This is a means of maintaining the transparency for the workings of our local governments. Any members who attend local government meetings are encouraged to e-mail a short paragraph report of items that might be of interest to League members. They should be sent to the Observer Corps chairperson for redistribution to members.

***The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy within our republic leads to civic improvement. Together we can help shape the issues, educate our community, and keep our republic fair, representative and strong.***

***Thank you and best,  
Sarah Neal-Estes, Newsletter Director***