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League of Women Voters of Knox County

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September Unit and New Member Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2009

Villwock Farms

11600 N Freelandville Road, Edwardsport, IN

6:30 pm – Social and Farm Tour

7:00 pm – Knox County Housing Challenges

Speaker Sherry Seiwert

Executive Director of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)

All are welcome.

Refreshments are provided.

Directions to Villwock Farms:

Starting from Hwy #67 exit off Hwy #41 North –

1. Take the IN-67 exit
2. Keep right at the fork to continue toward IN-67/N State Rd 67 and merge onto IN-67/N State Rd 67 Continue to follow IN-67 - (15.2 mi - About 24 mins)
3. Turn left at County Rd-1100 E/Shipping St Continue to follow County Rd-1100 E
4. Go 2.7miles, about seven minutes, destination will be on the right

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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.

Co-Presidents Message

Greetings everyone,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and we are excited to tell you about the activities our Board planned for the 2009-2010 program year. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

2009-2010 Goals

- Update by-laws
- Housing issues and connecting / facilitating community agencies to work together
- Develop more community collaboration

2009-2010 Projects

- Meth Poster/Public Service Announcement Contest – This project will be continued with the theme “Not Even Once.”
- Township Trustee Governance Study – A committee has been formed with Joyce Villwock, Judy Hidde, Jen Holscher and Kim Meeks, and more members are needed to help with the research. Please contact any committee member if you are interested.

2009-2010 Program

- Local – Visioning Project with emphasis on Housing and Township Trustee Governance
- State – State Position Review to prepare our local response to the Kernan and Shepherd report
- National – The local League is waiting for direction from the LWVUS on how to proceed with its programs: the National Popular Vote Compact, Global Warming and Health Care issues.

2009-2010 Meetings

- Board Meetings – Will be held on the 1st Monday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at VU Food Court.
- Unit Meetings – Will be on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- Lunch with the League, LWL – Will be held at noon on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Zanders. Monthly topics are published in each ‘Voter’ and you can find upcoming scheduled speakers in the annual calendar *and our new website*.

Mark your calendars! We look forward to your input on these issues that are important to our Knox County communities, the State and the Nation.

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Next...

LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE!!!

Wednesday
September 9
Noon

*Housing Update
from Vincennes City
Inspector Chris
Eisenhut*

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

Please Bring:
**Intelligent Co-
workers**
Humorous Friends
Darling Spouse

Our continuing focus on Housing:

Through our 2007-2008 Visioning Project we determined Knox County housing issues threaten our historical attributes, our ability to attract and retain residents and businesses and our community pride.

We set the following goals:

- Community support of current and new initiatives addressing affordable housing
- The growth of Neighborhood Watch groups and associations
- Increased efforts to clean-up communities and develop community pride
- Resolved issues regarding rental properties and increased enforcement of rental property ordinances
- Programs to assist homeowners in need of maintenance and repairs

We held educational forums and aligned ourselves with community members working independently toward these goals.

***Today, many of these community efforts
are gaining traction.***

As we continue to support them, this year's work will build channels for better communication and opportunities for community collaboration.

Please plan to join LWL and unit meetings as often as you can to lend your thoughts to this work.

Thank you!

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

MAKE YOUR TIME COUNT TWICE

**JOIN THE LEAGUE'S OBSERVER
CORPS!!**

How it works....

After each meeting you already plan to attend, just send a quick note to Nancy Hensel to tell us what happened.

nancyhensel@hotmail.com

Or you can call Nancy at
882.5060

We introduce our new website:

www.lwvknocounty.org

**The League of Women Voters of Knox County
has a new website.**

We thank our webmaster Kim Meeks!

The site is still under development, but all are encouraged to take a few minutes to look around and learn more about our local League!

Finance Campaign:

The 2009 Finance Campaign generated contributions totaling \$3,410 to date, with donations received from fifty-five (55) individuals. Thirty-nine (39) individuals contributed \$2,615 to the General Fund, exceeding the \$2,000 goal. The Education Fund total is \$795 with donations received from fifteen (15) individuals, slightly below the \$1,000 goal. Thank you letters have been mailed to all contributors along with a 2009 Knox County Public Officials' Guide.

FIVE-YEAR HISTORY OF FINANCE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS		
Campaign Year	General Fund Contributions	Education Fund Contributions
2009	\$2,615	\$795
2008	\$2,860	\$995
2007	\$2,100	\$1,510
2006	\$1,370	\$955
2005	\$1,410	\$1,265

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Anyone wishing to make a contribution may still do so by contacting Bonnie Orvick at 890-3628.

INTEREST SHEET

Having had the summer to recover, relax and recharge your batteries, perhaps this is a good time to think about the upcoming year. There are many ways to get involved! Please let the LWVKC leaders know how you'd like to participate.

Please mark the items that interest you, below. You can **return this sheet by mail** to: Jamie Lane, 315 N. 9th Street, Vincennes, IN 47591 **or bring the completed form to the next unit meeting** on Sept. 21, 2009.

LOCAL PROGRAMMING

- Vision for Knox County Committee (Focus on Housing Issues)
- Meth Poster / PSA Contest Committee
- Township Trustee Governance Study Committee
- Lunch with the League -- Chair a Lunch (contact speaker, confirm location, facilitate meeting)

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership Committee
- Distribute Membership Information at LWVKC events
- Assist in Membership and Outreach Events (desserts, dinners, etc.)

ACTION/LEGISLATION

- Observer Corp Committee
- Observer Corp – attend and report on specific public meeting
- Answer calls for action - telephone or write letters

VOTER SERVICE

- Voter Service Committee
- Debate Committee – help plan local candidate forums prior to elections
- Distribute Publications

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Public Relations Committee
- Assist in Production and Distribution of Monthly Newsletter
- Local Press Releases
- Mailings – help with printing, addressing and mailing League mailings

NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- Healthcare
- Global Climate Change
- National Popular Vote Compact

OTHER

- Attend State / Regional Meetings
- Other talents you would like to share with the League: _____

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Looking Forward: **LWVKC Quick Look Calendar**

LWVIN Southern Regional Workshop	August 29 @ 9am, VU, Fort Sackville Room, Beckes Student Union Building	Southern Regional Workshop: Clean Energy/Climate Control
<i>Lunch with the League "Housing"</i>	<i>September 9 @ noon, Zanders</i>	<i>Vincennes update with city officials</i>
September Board Meeting	September 14 @ 12:30 VU BSU Foodcourt	Finalizing fall activities
<i>September Unit Meeting "Housing"</i>	<i>September 21 @ 6:30pm Villwock Farm in Edwardsport</i>	<i>IHCD Director Sherry Selwert is joining us from Indianapolis</i>