



The Voter June 2016

League of Women Voters Johnson County, Iowa

From the President

“Make democracy work for all,” is the LWVUS motto for all leagues in the country during this crucial election year. In a recent address, national LWV President Barbara McNamara invited every League member in the country to “imagine what would happen if every eligible citizen showed up at the polls.” An impossible dream, we are tempted to think, but nevertheless one worth working towards.

This last year Leagues all across the country joined the national league to study the influence of money in politics. The year before (2014), groups outside the immediate spheres of political parties and candidates spent \$700 million on the midterm election. This year that record is sure to be broken.

Between now and November, Leagues everywhere including ours, will be focusing on their central mission: encouraging fellow citizens to register, to learn about their candidate and issues, and to vote on Election Day. You, too, can help. Help new acquaintances register. Offer to take a friend to a candidates’ forum or debate. Help younger, busier family members, friends, and neighbors distill the available information about candidates or issues in a dispassionate way. And above all, insist that it can’t be true that “my vote doesn’t count.” Dollars buy ads, but at the polls, the only currency that counts is the American voter’s choice. Every vote counts.

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Dr. Deb Turner delivering an address, “Women’s Health” at our Annual Meeting on May 19th. With degrees in Medicine & Law, Dr. Turner will be a valuable addition to the LWVUS Board next year.

Calendar of Coming Events

Date	Time	Location	Program
May 25	11:30am – 12:40pm	Jones Common, Lindquist Ctr. U of IA	New Leadership Lunch Sponsorship
June 8	5 – 7 pm	Club Moeller, 445 Breconshire Ln	Making Connections: Dwight Jensen, “Iowa Politics in the 60: Life with the Governor”
June 11	9:30am – 2:30pm	Marshalltown Community College	State League Council: Conger, Horton, Porter, and Jensen
June 16 – 19		Washington DC	LWVUS National Convention
June 28	7 – 8:30 pm	Coralville Public Library Meeting Room	Carrie Chapman Catt Club: “The Journals of Lewis and Clark”
July 11	12 – 1pm	Conger home 1915 Calvin Avenue IC	New Board Members’ training
July 13	5 – 7 pm	Club Moeller (see above)	What happened at the National LWVUS Convention in Washington DC? Convention Delegates Jim and Syndy Conger

“Iowa Politics in the 60’s...Life with the Governor” at Making Connections Meeting on June 8

A few months back a League colleague asked that a couple of “senior” folks tell others what it was like to be close to one of Iowa’s former governors, Harold Hughes. So on June 8 at the “Making Connections” meeting, Dwight Jensen, Hughes’ chief of staff from 1963 to 1969, and spouse, Pat Jensen, will share stories of Iowa politics during those turbulent years. They also might have some interesting stories to tell from the insiders’ point of view.

So plan to join others at Club Moeller (otherwise know as the home of League member Audrey Moeller) on Wednesday, June 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. Audrey lives at 445 Breconshire Lane, west off of Dubuque Street nearly two miles north of the I80 Interchange.

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Voter Registration



Registering new voters after a ceremony to welcome new US citizens at the Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch.

The number of League-registered voters is climbing; a sign that in this election cycle, many new people are interested in voting. Since the LWVJC attended a Student Volunteer Fair on January 27, 2016, teams of volunteers have registered a total of 55 voters. In addition to assisting a record number of students interested in participating in the caucuses in January, the League has since set up registration tables at the NAMI walk and the Crisis Center Food Bank. If you are interested in participating in this effort for the rest of the year, please contact Syndy Conger- syndy@mchsi.com.

City Channel Programs Offer Voter Information and More

City Channel 4 <http://citychannel4.com/> is a public television channel provided by Mediacom as part of their contract agreement. They are a great source of video coverage pertaining to local government, such as live and recorded public meetings, forums, candidate interviews, and public events. Mediacom subscribers can watch scheduled <http://citychannel4.com/ps4.shtml> broadcasts on their televisions. Even non-Mediacom users can stream programs to their computers, phones, or other devices. Just look for the program of interest in the online library <http://citychannel4.com/video/>

(our most recent forum is under the local government heading). The file can be listened to as a podcast or streamed as a video.

LWVIA Council 2016

LWVIA Council 2016 will be held at the Marshalltown Community College in Marshalltown, Iowa on Saturday June 11, from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm. The morning session will feature a Report on the 2016 Legislative Session from our lobbyist, viewing “Any Kid Anywhere” video on human trafficking, the Business Meeting to approve 2016-17 Budget and elect officers, a Report from the Juvenile and Criminal Justice committee, and an update on our ILO (water quality). Voting will be the focus after lunch, with presentations “Voter Registration Dilemmas”, VOTE411.org – Part I, and VOTE411.org – Part II, with a concurrent session on MLD (membership leadership development) for those not needing the nuts and bolts information in Part II VOTE411.

Annual Meeting, May 19, 2016



Board Members: Gaylen Wobeter, Linda Schreiber, Katy Hansen, Pat Jensen, Diana Henry



Board member, Polly Horton
Speaker, Dr. Deb Turner



Nominating Comm.: Barbara Haring, Outgoing Pres.: Gaylen Wobeter, Incoming Pres.: Syndy Conger, Sec.: Sandy Keller, Board Mem.: Julie Wittig, Nancy Porter, Polly Horton, Host, Club Moeller: Audrey Moeller

It is time to Renew

It is time to renew your membership
for 2016-2017!

Please send in your renewal dues NOW!

Many of you have renewed regularly with the standard LWV year of July to June. That means your dues is due for 2016-2017. Although you don't have to do it by the standard year, we encourage you all to renew now to extend your membership year for another year.

Fill out the form below and send it in!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JOHNSON COUNTY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Individual membership	\$55	Dues paid annually July 1-June 30
Family membership	\$82.50	
Student membership	\$25	

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