

From the President

Greetings! We are the League of Women Voters and we make democracy work! Come and get involved with us.

As we embark on a new year, 2012, LWVJC (Iowa) offers you opportunities to be an informed, active participant in government. The Iowa Caucuses and the New Hampshire Primary are behind us and a long election year is ahead. LWVUS President Elizabeth McNamara challenges us to raise voter knowledge and expectations over the next few months and demand more from the political process.

Our local **Legislative Forums** begin Saturday, **January 28th** at Emma Harvat Hall in the Iowa City Civic Center, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. the forums provide an opportunity for dialogue between legislators and their constituents in Johnson County. They will be held in 4 sites again this spring, addressing the fact that we are the League of Women Voters of Johnson County. The other forums are February 25th at the Coralville Public Library, March 31st at the Iowa City Public Library, and April 28th in the North Liberty City Council Chambers.

Plan to attend the next program in our series of Conversations on the **Constitution**, Thursday, **February 9, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in Old Brick.

I invite you to come with us to **Lobby Day** at State Capitol in Des Moines Wednesday, **February 15, 2012**. We will carpool to Des Moines and meet with other State local League members and our Lobbyist on how to promote our priority positions, and then move to the Capitol to meet and talk with Legislators. Our priority issues in Mental Health redesign, sentencing reform/ correctional system, and nuclear power plant were discussed at our **Legislators' Briefing** in December at The Brown Bottle.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to be involved in making democracy work. Please check the calendar of events and join us!

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