



The Voter

A Publication of the League of Women Voters of Johnson County, Iowa

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy



From the President

The LWVJC has been actively striving to make democracy work this year. The volunteer efforts of our membership make this happen. The LWVJC continues to inform, educate, and encourage voters with informative presentations, forums, and social events. Presentations were sponsored to increase understanding on topics of local study ("Water In/ Water Out", "Conversations with the League") and issues of public policy (the current 2010 Census, and League Program Planning). This year I was enlightened by the Board in the understanding that League programming is a process not an event!

LWVJC is respected for bringing elected leaders and the public together. LWVJC organized Candidate and Legislative Forums to be held in three Johnson County cities: Coralville, Iowa City, and North Liberty. Visibility throughout Johnson County hopefully will promote increased membership. We met with legislators and elected officials to share League priorities. Volunteer efforts made this possible. Celebration of the League of Women Voters Johnson County's 90th anniversary started in February 2010 and will continue throughout this year. A collection of League stories and an exhibit at the Cedar Rapids History Museum are in the works. Check it out on our website at <http://www.lwvjc.org>.

In the spirit of Zella White Stewart*, LWVJC continues to advocate for women. We donated \$2,000 toward a scholarship to the Iowa N.E.W. Leadership program this June and sponsored the Emma Goldman Clinic Fund-Raising Dinner this spring.

The reality is that positions on our Board and Committees are difficult to fill. I feel the issue is participation rather than membership. The same dedicated people continue to do the work. We need you to participate: observe a local elected board, attend the LWVJC events, and share your story, volunteer to be on the Board or committee.

As always, I encourage you to invite a friend to attend a League activity. Share what the League means to you and ask them to join!

Polly Horton, President

*Zella White Stewart was the founder of the League of Women Voters in Iowa City in 1920. She was also the first woman to drive a car in Iowa City!

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The League of Women Voters Co-Sponsors Candidate forum for the Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate

The League of Women Voters of Johnson County will co-sponsor a forum for the Democratic U.S. Senate Primary race with IowaPolitics.com and *The Cedar Rapids Gazette*. **The Forum will be held on Thursday, May 27 at the Ballantyne Auditorium at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.** The doors are open to the public at 7:00 p.m. and taping of the show will be from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public. **Registration is not required but is appreciated.**

Please take a moment to register using one of the following options:

Email: info@iowapolitics.com **Phone:** (515) 309-2941

Online: <http://www.esurveycentral.com/TakeSurvey.asp?SurveyID=711635M3n12G>

IowaPolitics.com Des Moines Bureau Chief Lynn Campbell and Cedar Rapids Gazette Political Columnist Todd Dorman will moderate the program with questions accepted from audience members. The event will be broadcast on the Mediacom Connections channel (MC22) statewide and will be available for On Demand viewing on Mediacom Channel 1.

The dates for the broadcast on Mediacom 22 are:

Date	PM	AM
June 1:	4:00	
June 2:	3:00	
June 3:	2:30	
June 4:	6:00	
June 5:		11:00
June 6:		11:00
June 7:	2:00	

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Reception July 15 at History Center to kick off LWVJC-LWVCRM Exhibit

An exhibit recognizing the activities and achievements of the Johnson County and Cedar Rapids /Marion chapters of the League of Women Voters will be kicked off with a Reception July 15 from 5:30- 7 pm hosted by the LWVCRM at the History Center in Cedar Rapids.

The LWVCRM will honor past presidents, members of 25 years and the golden 50 year members as guest of the event. Members and Friends of the Johnson County League of Women Voters are specially invited guests.

LWVJC Recommended Program for 2010-2011

Retain all current public policy positions;

Iowa City Government including Council-Manager Form of Government and Home Rule

Community Development including Comprehensive Planning and Economic Planning/ Development

Housing

Johnson County Government including Home Rule, Planning and Goal Setting, Management, and Citizen Participation and Communication

Regional Government

LWVJC Spring/Summer Calendar

May 18 Candidate Forum, Coralville

May 20 Candidate Forum

May 26 ANNUAL MEETING @ Hotel Vetro 5:30 PM

May 27 Candidate Forum, KCC in Cedar Rapids

June 5 LWVIA Council in Ames, IA

June 7 Board of Directors meeting (outgoing and incoming)

June 8 Primary Election
N.E.W. Leadership Reception

June 12- 15 LWVUS Convention in Atlanta,GA

July 15 Reception for 90th Exhibit @ Hlstory Center, Cedar Rapids

August 26 Women's Equality Day

*****WELCOME NEW MEMBER – Patricia McCarthy!!!!!!!!!!



Celebrating at our 2010 Annual Meeting & Dinner

**Wednesday, May 26, 2010
 hotelVetro - Plaza Rooms,
 3rd floor
 201 S. Linn St, Iowa City**

Schedule

- 5:00 Registration & Dues Table in Plaza 3
Cash Bar Opens in Plaza 3**
- 5:30 Business Meeting in Plaza 2**
- 6:30 Dinner in Plaza 1
Guest Speaker: Jeanette Pilak, Ex. Dir.
"Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature"**

Parking is available in the adjacent city parking ramp at the prevailing rates. Cash bar will serve wine, mixed drinks and soda.

Menu: Select one of the three entrees. Cost of dinner is \$25.00 per person.

- 1. Coconut Mahi Mahi with Hawaiiin Salsa**
- 2. Roasted Chicken Breast with Spinach Leaves, Brie, Red Peppers, and Tomato Basil Cream Sauce**

Both entrees include Baby Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Garden Blend Wild Rice, Asparagus, and Tiramisu Dessert with Coffee, Teas and Iced Water.

- 3. Gluten Free Dinner: Baby Greens with Assorted Dressings, Chef's Choice of Gluten Free Entrée and Sides, Fresh Berries and Whipped Cream with Coffee, Teas and Iced Water.**

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Please complete this reservation form and return with your check to:

**Julie Pulkrabek
 4698 Fox Lane
 Iowa City, IA 52240**

**Make check payable to League of Women Voters.
 Reservations must be received by Thursday,
May 20, 2010.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

1. Mahi Mahi	# Ordered	_____	X	\$25.00	= \$	_____
2. Chicken	# Ordered	_____	X	\$25.00	= \$	_____
3. Gluten Free	# Ordered	_____	x	\$25.00	= \$	_____
						TOTAL \$ _____

