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LWVJC's Proposed Local Positions for 2009

IOWA CITY GOVERNMENT.

Council Manager Form of Government: The League of Women Voters of Johnson County supports a council manager form of government for Iowa City. *Position reached in 1949; updated in 1972 and 1983.*

Home Rule: The League supports the concept of a home rule charter for Iowa City and the specific charter that was adopted in 1973. *Position reached in 1973; updated in 1983.*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Comprehensive Planning: The League supports comprehensive planning for all governments in Johnson County and coordination of these plans among jurisdictions and school districts. Comprehensive planning should include:

- ◆ Protection and preservation of the natural environment, parks and open spaces;
- ◆ Efficient use of land and services;
- ◆ Adequate housing for various needs;
- ◆ A transportation system that includes safe and orderly traffic patterns, public transit, and pedestrian and bicycle trails;
- ◆ Preservation of neighborhoods;
- ◆ Buffer areas between residential and nonresidential zones;
- ◆ Adequate infrastructure including quality water supply, waste water treatment and storm water disposal;
- ◆ Shared use of neighborhood parks, recreation facilities and schools;
- ◆ Public safety, including police, fire, ambulance and jails; and
- ◆ Excellent well funded schools.

Position reached in 1970; updated in 2001.

Economic Planning/Development: The League of Women Voters of Johnson County believes that economic development in the greater Johnson County area should be a cooperative venture between all governmental enti

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In memoriam: Corinne Harriet Wohlner Chapman

Corinne Harriet Wohlner Chapman died Monday, March 23, 2009, in the Oaknoll Health Center, following a brief illness. Corinne was born May 26, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Albert and Molly (Horwich) Wohlner. In 1943, she graduated from Central High School in Omaha, migrated to Iowa City to attend the University of Iowa, and spent the rest of her life in Iowa City. She met Ansel Chapman at the University and married him on April 14, 1946. They celebrated 59 years of marriage until his death in 2005.

In addition to being an active member of the Iowa City community, Corinne served as president of the Johnson County League of Women Voters and vice president of the Iowa League of Women Voters. During her term, the local League was very active in advocating for local government to undertake comprehensive planning for the first time in its history. Iowa City hired a full time professional planner and developed its first comprehensive plan. In addition, the League launched a multi year campaign of support for urban renewal of Iowa City's central business district. She helped bring to Iowa City the pedestrian mall with its fountain, Old Capitol Mall, Capitol House affordable elderly housing, the Sheraton Hotel, and the large office building at College and Dubuque. Corinne served as mentor to the League members working actively on these issues and was always there for counsel and support.

She was also a gifted fiber artist with amazing weaving skills, a wonderful soprano in the Voices of Experience at the Johnson County Senior Center, and an active member of various other organizations and activities through her affiliation with Agudas Achim Synagogue.

Corinne is survived by her three children (Nathan (Cynthia) of Pine Mountain Valley, GA, Katherine (Dwight) Keller of Leawood, KS, and Barbara Siemann of Cherry Hills Village, CO), nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Corinne was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her step grandson, David Lamb.

Funeral services were held at Agudas Achim Synagogue in Iowa City on Thursday, March 26, 2009, and she was buried in Agudas Achim Cemetery. Corinne's family wishes to thank Iowa City Hospice and the staff of the Oaknoll Health Center for their care and support.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Iowa City Hospice, The Voices of Experience, the Ansel Chapman Memorial Scholarship at the University of Iowa Foundation, or a charity of your choice. On line condolences may be directed to www.lensingfuneral.com.

We all should follow the example of early League leaders such as Corinne and live up to the proud tradition they provided to us. Thank you, Corinne. You are and will be sorely missed.



Corinne Harriet Wohlner Chapman
May 26, 1925 - March 23, 2009

Letter from the President of LWVJC

SPRING IS UPON US, AND LWVJC HAS VERY WORTHWHILE TOPICS to study and discuss. Please mark the following events on your calendar:



Sales Tax Forum: April 16, 7:00 pm, Iowa City Public Library, 123 South Linn St., meeting room A.

National Popular Vote Compact discussion/consensus: April 18, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St., Coralville, in E. Jean Schwab Auditorium. Anyone interested in how we, in America, elect the President will want to attend this meeting to discuss and take consensus on the idea of moving to a new system of electing the President. Delegates to the 2008 LWVUS Convention voted in a study of this new idea of how the Electoral College can cast votes to reflect the national popular vote. How would it work? Is it constitutional? Would it bring about changes in how presidential elections are run? The ideas and questions should bring forth a lively discussion!

The **national League web site** has complete background and pro and con papers on the compact, the consensus questions, and a list of resources on the issue. Plan to attend for what will surely be an invigorating and stimulating discussion! Make sure to stop in the library's coffee shop on your way in to pick up a "goodie" and coffee.

LWVIA priorities: Brush up on the current priorities for 2009 on the **LWVIA website**.

Iowa Comprehensive Study of Mental Health Delivery Systems in Iowa: Read the entire study on the **LWVIA website**.

Also make sure to check out the results of our January membership survey on page 9 of this *Voter* edition. As you can see, we need a new call to action and a new dialogue about how the League can remain relevant and proactive with our present and future members. It will be great to hear all your views! Invite a friend!

Polly Horton
President, LWV Johnson County

REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN ACCESS LWV WEBSITES EASILY! Simply click on a link below and be automatically directed to the corresponding website. It's that easy!

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Previous *Voter* newsletters: www.lwvjc.org/newsletter.html



We at the League of Women Voters honor our foremothers who fought for our rights and made a difference for our mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends. In celebration of **Women's History Month 2009** in March, the League of Women Voters not only commemorates the past, but looks toward the future at what our activism and efforts can achieve.

From the suffragists who founded our organization 89 years ago, to the incredible women who work today to improve our communities and country as elected officials and volunteers, the League's women have a profound civic impact.

I've recorded a **personal video message** about what the League's work has meant to the advancement of women through the years. I hope you'll take a moment to watch and reflect on the successes of women and the League.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the League of Women Voters.

Mary G. Wilson
President, LWWUS

2009 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SLATE. This year's nominations committee was composed of Pat Ephgrave, Melanie Gross and Carol Nordquist. The slate of officers and directors to be presented for election at the annual meeting on May 6, 2009, is:

- Vice President: Rebecca Reiter
- Secretary: Mary Ann Bradford
- Directors: Melanie Gross, Dawn Suter, Kelly Thornburg, and Gaylen Wobeter

INTERESTED IN HONORING A LEAGUE MEMBER? Consider a contribution to the League in recognition of a member's birthday, anniversary, marriage, new baby, or other special event. If you want to honor someone you know in this manner, contact LWWJC treasurer Julie Pulkrabek at 354 6633.





**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JOHNSON COUNTY
COMPARED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET**

	JUNE 2008-2007	JUNE 2007-2008	Annual Budget 2008-2009	Year to Date (up to 03-31) 2009	Proposed Annual Budget 2009-2010
Income Categories					
Contributions	\$4,495.00	\$3,089.10	\$4,000.00	\$2,515.88	\$3,000.00
Dues	\$8,887.50	\$4,895.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,822.50	\$3,000.00
Special Events	\$1,400.00	\$1,840.00	\$1,500.00	\$710.00	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$190.77	\$21.47	\$25.00	\$17.44	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$181.14	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Restricted Income					
Education Fund			\$1,000.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,000.00
Total Income:	\$12,953.27	\$9,806.71	\$12,125.00	\$6,240.80	\$9,125.00
Expense Categories					
Board & Administrative					
Board Tools	\$0.00	\$358.10	\$100.00	\$15.05	\$150.00
Finance	\$0.00	\$41.47	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Membership	\$219.81	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$1.51	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$54.00	\$75.00
Total:	\$215.32	\$499.57	\$550.00	\$69.05	\$425.00
Delegates Travel & Reg.	\$315.00	\$1,458.80	\$1,400.00	0.00	\$1,500.00
Education					
Activities/Promotional Ads.	\$1,330.42	\$484.84	\$800.00	\$388.82	\$800.00
Web site	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$100.00	0	\$50.00
Total:	\$1,380.42	\$539.84	\$700.00	\$388.82	\$850.00
Operating					
First Class Postage	\$185.37	\$121.75	\$100.00	\$4.83	\$100.00
General Supplies	\$2,505.88	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$29.27	\$50.00
Photocopying	\$55.81	\$8.38	\$25.00	\$55.87	\$75.00
Telephone	\$158.08	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$-	\$25.00
Total:	\$2,903.14	\$128.11	\$200.00	\$179.87	\$250.00
Per Member Payment					
National	\$1,841.40	\$2,180.00	\$2,700.00	2082.00	\$2,300.00
State	\$1,727.50	\$2,203.15	\$2,200.00	1415.82	\$1,700.00
Total:	\$3,568.90	\$4,383.15	\$4,900.00	\$3,507.82	\$4,000.00
Position Support & Action	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holiday Brunch/Annual Mtg.	\$1,732.89	\$2,127.70	\$2,000.00	\$450.00	\$2,000.00
Voter/Bulletin					
Preprint stock (1 yr. supply)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Printing, folding & mailing	\$902.15	\$685.12	\$800.00	\$182.78	\$200.00
Mail postage and fees	\$234.82	\$142.08	\$275.00	\$81.88	\$100.00
Total:	\$1,137.07	\$807.18	\$1,075.00	\$224.66	\$300.00
Total Expenses:	\$11,252.54	\$9,940.15	\$10,825.00	\$4,800.02	\$9,125.00
Income/Loss to Carry Forward:	\$1,700.73	(\$133.44)	\$1,300.00	\$1,440.78	\$0.00

