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From the President

Election season is upon us. School Board election results have been tallied. Candidates have filed for City Council elections. Our LWVJC Reception for Elected Officials has been enjoyed, thanks to the efforts of Committee members Rebecca Reiter and Kelly Thornburg plus hostess Judy Pfohl.

Looking ahead, evening Candidate Forums are being set up in both Iowa City and Coralville. Attend and inform yourself about the candidates.

LWVIA Board has identified the following as issues for the upcoming legislative session:

Calendar of Events

October 5
LWVJC Board Meeting
4:00 pm, ICPL Room E

October 20
Coralville Candidate Forum
7:00p.m.
Coralville City Hall

October 21
Iowa City Candidate Forum
7:00p.m.
ICPL, Rooms A-C

Primary emphasis: Mental Health , Predatory Lending

Secondary emphasis: Immigration, Sentencing Reform

The LWVIA Issues Briefing will be Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 10 -3 in the Altoona Library.

Check out our Calendar of Events. Be sure to note the upcoming November program on water organized by our

Regional Governance Committee, and Pat Jensen's Save the Date

October 24
LWVIA Issue Briefing
10-3pm
Altoona Library
Altoona, IA

Nov 2
LWVJC Board Meeting
4:00 pm, ICPL Room E

Nov 3
Election Day

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

Images of Woman theme for 2009-2010 AAUW

AAUW co-chairs Sue Wakefield and Sue Moffitt announce the general theme *Images of Woman* for this year. AAUW plans to explore the theme in several areas: educational, political, cultural, and social. The first program will be held Saturday, October 24 at 1:30 p.m. at the Iowa City Public Library. Gigi Durham, Ph.D., author of *The Lolita Effect*, will speak for half an hour followed by a panel discussion. Her book is a compelling discussion of the sexualization and victimization of girls and young women in our society by the media and entertainment industry.



Save the Date

Have you ever given serious thought as to where the water you drink comes from? Or where and how it goes when you're through with it? Particularly in the County's unincorporated areas? It may surprise you!

Put Thursday, November 12, on your calendar and come to a 7 p.m. meeting at the Coralville Public Library where a panel of experts will fill you in on the answers.

The LWVJC Regional Governance Committee

is in charge of the event.

Welcome New Members

Jaia Rosenfels

Janelle Rettig

Allison Panther

Mission Statement

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.

Get to know your LWV Board Members



Mary Ann Bradford has been a member of LWV for 40 years, 36 years in Topeka, KS and 4 years in Johnson County, IA. She has been honored to serve as a Kansas local League

president for two different periods, Kansas state president for 2 years and a state League lobbyist for environmental quality issues for 22 years. Outside LWV, she has served as a public school speech pathologist for 12 years and a clinical assistant professor in Communicative Disorders for 6 years at Saint Louis University.

Susan Craig—After many years of enjoying the benefits of League membership it was time to do



some of the work by serving on the Board. It's an opportunity to work with some great people, and it's a lot of fun too. I have been a resident of Iowa City since coming to the area to attend the University in 1970 and have been director of the Iowa City Public Library since 1994.

Melanie Gross has been a LWV Board member since 2006 and loves the public service that the League is able to provide with candidate and legislative forums and other issue-related discussions. Melanie and her husband, Mitch, joined the League after moving to Johnson County 6 years ago. Outside of the League, Melanie is a Project Manager at Pearson in Iowa City. She has 3 young daughters—Zola (4), Mary Danielle (3) and Elsie (9 months).



Polly Horton retired from Special Education Facilitator position with Cedar Rapids Schools in



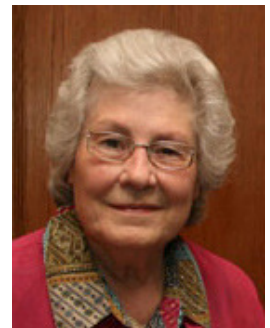
2006. She had joined the LWVJC after meeting the dynamic people at garden party held at Cancilla's. She continues to be energized by local League members.



Lolly Eggers—I came to Iowa City as a bride in 1951 and after our youngest son became a teenager and I had received my library science degree, I joined the Iowa City Public Library staff, serving 20 years as Director. Since retiring in 1994, I

have written and published two books of local history. I first joined the League in the 1960s and have been a member of the LWV's Regional Planning Committee since 1995.

Pat Jensen has served and loved the League of Women Voters and what it stands for more than half of the League's 90 years. Having worked at every League level in leadership positions—local, regional, state and national—she still feels she gets more back than she gives to the League.



Get to know your LWV Board Members

Julie Pulkrabek is an attorney in private practice in Iowa City, Iowa. She has been on the Board for the League of Women Voters of Johnson County for five years and served as the Treasurer since 2006.



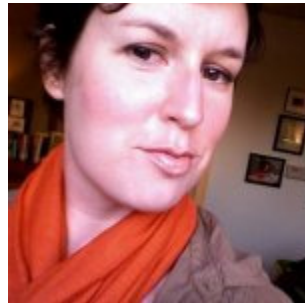
Rebecca Reiter joined the League of Women Voters of Johnson County in 1994, and has been Membership Chair since 2005 to present. She is currently serving first term as Vice-President. Rebecca has recently retired from the University of Iowa as a research biologist.



Dawn Suter took early retirement in 2005 from the commercial insurance and reinsurance industry after 25 years. Dawn and her husband, David, decided to make a move from Chicago back to Dave's roots in Iowa City, buying and restoring a family home on Brown Street. Dawn has been exploring re-careering options and hopes to start a small business in the area in 2010. She is newly involved with the LWV and has been a board member since July 2009.



Kelly Thornburg currently directs the Iowa N.E.W. Leadership program for the Women's Resource and Action Center at the University of Iowa. She was inspired to join the LWVJC after collaborating with its' membership during the planning of Iowa N.E.W. Leadership's first Summer Institute. She enjoys the luxury of learning from and working with women who are passionately committed to engaging their communities in citizen education and action.



Gaylen Wobeter retired in 2006 after being a school guidance counselor for many years. She joined the League because of attending the local Legislative Forums on Saturday mornings and realized the opportunities for voters and informed citizens that the League provides. Gaylen is new to the Board of JCLWV and is looking forward to more involvement and education through the League.

