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LWVJC Movie-Discussion Series

Join us once a month this winter season for a film, refreshments and lively discussion. Each month the LWVJC will sponsor a thought-provoking film. All movies will be shown in Meeting Room A of the Iowa City Public Library, starting at 7 PM. Light refreshments and beverages will be served and a general discussion or small group discussions will follow each film. Most titles run about ninety minutes, with a thirty minute discussion to follow. Schedule changes will be announced via email.

We hope you'll join us there! Tell your friends!

January **OUTFOXED**

On Thursday, January 18, 2007, we will be featuring the full-length version of "Outfoxed." (An excerpt of this film was shown at the annual meeting.) "Outfoxed" is a documentary on Rupert Murdoch's Fox News, providing coverage of this ever popular source of information and news and how it impacts the public's right to know. Film not rated.

February **WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?**

On Wednesday, February 21 we will feature "Who Killed the Electric Car?", an in-depth look at the electric car, what happened when auto manufacturers began to market the electric car, and why no one drives an electric car today. Rated PG.

March **NOBELITY**

On Thursday, March 29, join us for a screening of "Nobelity", featuring discussions on pressing issues of international importance such as war, ecology, medicine and technology with Nobel laureates and how we as individuals might be able to make a difference. Film not rated.

April **THE CORPORATION**

Join us on Wednesday, April 18 to view "The Corporation." This documentary examines the rise of corporations as permanent aspects of our social and political landscape, their inner workings, controversial impacts and possible futures. Film not rated.

Alison Smith

President's letter



We had a great introduction to our film series at our December brunch. The bits we saw of "Outfoxed" whetted my appetite for more. The discussion we had at our table was stimulating, and it sounds like everyone had the same experience. Come see the whole film on January 18th at the ICPL. For more information on the media, check out www.freepress.net. This organization gave a presentation at the LWVUS convention in 2004.

Other dates for our film series are February 21st, March 29th, and April 18th. This movie/discussion program is something new for us and we're looking forward to it.

Our meeting with local state legislators on December 9th was well attended by Leaguers. Unfortunately, only three legislators were able to come, Representatives David Jacoby, Vicki Lensing, and Mary Mascher. They are supportive of the LWVIA legislative priorities we asked them about, and they then told us about some of their priorities. A group from LWVJC will be going to Lobby Day in Des Moines to lobby our issues – we urge you to join us.

Mark your calendars now – the board set the date for the annual meeting for May 23, 2007.

Barbara Beaumont

Legislative Forums

□ The League of Women Voters of Johnson County will be sponsoring Legislative Forums on the last Saturday of each month during the Iowa Legislative Session at the Emma Harvat Hall in the Iowa City Civic Center from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM. Dates of the Forums are January 27, February 24, March 24, and April 28.

□ Senators and Representatives from Johnson County have been invited. The Forums provide an opportunity for dialogue between the legislators and their constituents in Johnson County. The Legislators present five-minute summaries of critical issues before their respective houses that are of particular interest to them. The remainder of the Forum is devoted to public comments and questions, beginning with questions from co-sponsors. The microphone will then be open to questions from the audience. The forums will be broadcast live over the Iowa City Channel, Channel 4 and 5.

LWVJC Study on Local Government Inactive

The LWVJC Board of Directors, at its December board meeting, decided not to move forward at this time with the study of local governments in Johnson County. □ The study was adopted at the Annual Meeting last spring. □ There has been very little interest shown by the membership in working on the study (only one volunteer).

□ The board indicated that, should an interest materialize to carry out the study, it would reconsider the decision.

League studies adopted by local members at annual meetings, or by delegates to state or national conventions, fall under the jurisdiction of the relevant board to carry out the study (who will chair the study, the focus and timing of the study, etc.). □

However, the board also has the option of deciding not to carry out the study if adequate interest in the subject is not shown. □ The local board choose that option.

Join the League Lobby Day / Birthday!

February 14th is the LWV birthday and the state **Lobby Day** in Des Moines. □ We will be meeting with legislators to talk to them about the legislative priorities □ of the LWVIA for 2007. □

Our priorities include:

1. Election Reform for secure voting systems, Voter Verified Paper Ballots, and electronic filing of campaign finance reports,
2. Minimum Wage increase to promote financial self-sufficiency,
3. Water Resource protection of quality of our lakes, rivers, and streams,
4. Tobacco Health issues of tax increases and local control of smoking ordinances,
5. Sentencing and Corrections changes to expand rehabilitative and special services.

We will meet in the parking lot of Barnes and Noble at 8:00 a.m. and carpool to Des Moines. Please call Barbara Beaumont, 626-6227, if you plan to attend.

Of Interest to Women.....

The 2007 Women's Leadership Conference on "Choosing to Lead: Empowering Women in Work and Life," will be held April 12 & 13, 2007 at the Coralville Marriott Conference Center. Speakers include Donna Katen-Bahensky, Ilene Lang, and Arianna Huffington and more. For further information, contact: www.iowawomensconference.com.

Remembering Carrie Chapman Catt

"Roll up your sleeves, set your mind to making history, and wage such a fight for liberty that the whole world will respect our sex."

On the Birthday of the League of Women Voters, February 14th we recall the words of our founder, Carrie Chapman Catt.

She was born on January 9, 1859, in Ripon, Wisconsin, the second of three children of Lucius and Maria (Clinton) Lane. At the age of seven, her family moved to rural Charles City, Iowa, where she graduated from high school in 1877. In 1880, she graduated from the Iowa Agricultural College and Model Farm in Ames (now Iowa State University). She was also the only woman in her graduating class of 18. In 1883, she became one of the first women in the nation appointed as a superintendent of schools.

After living and working in San Francisco, in 1887, she returned to Charles City and joined the Iowa Woman Suffrage Association for whom she worked as a professional writer and lecturer. From 1890 to 1892, she served as the Iowa association's state organizer.

At the time of Carrie Chapman's rise to her state organization's highest office, in June 1890, she married George Catt, a fellow Iowa Agricultural College alumnus she had met during her stay in San Francisco, who encouraged her suffrage activity. Mrs. Catt also began work nationally for the National American Woman Suffrage Association. She succeeded Susan B. Anthony as president in 1900 resigning in 1904 to take care of her ailing husband.

Returning to the presidency in 1915, she promoted a "Winning Plan" to campaign for women's suffrage at the national and local levels. It succeeded and the 19th amendment was passed on August 26, 1920.

Carrie Chapman Catt then helped found the League of Women Voters as a nonpartisan educational group and remained honorary president for the rest of her life. She donated her entire estate to her alma mater, Iowa State University.

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A volunteer group is attempting to restore Carrie Chapman Catt's girlhood home south of Charles City. For information on supporting this, go to www.catt.org.

LWVJC CALENDAR January—June, 2007

JANUARY

- 8 Board Meeting—ICPL Room E @ 4 PM
- 18 Movie Series “Outfoxed” ICPL Room A @ 7-9 PM
- 27 Legislative Forum—IC Council Emma Harvat Hall @ 9:30-11:30 AM

FEBRUARY

- 5 Board Meeting—ICPL Room E @ 4 PM
- 14 Lobby Day in Des Moines
- 21 Movie Series “Who Killed the Electric Car?” ICPL Room A @ 7-9 PM
- 24 Legislative Forum—IC Council Emma Harvat Hall @ 9:30-11:30 AM

MARCH

- 5 Board Meeting—ICPL Room E @ 4 PM
- 29 Movie Series “Nobility” ICPL Room A @ 7-9 PM
- 24 Legislative Forum—IC Council Emma Harvat Hall @ 9:30-11:30 AM

APRIL

- 2 Board Meeting—ICPL Room E @ 4 PM
- 18 Movie Series “The Corporation” ICPL Room A @ 7-9 PM
- 28 Legislative Forum—IC Council Emma Harvat Hall @ 9:30-11:30 AM

MAY

- 7 Board Meeting—ICPL Room E @ 4 PM
- 23 Spring Annual Meeting

LWVJC Welcomes a New Member

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