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LOBBY DAY

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND LWVIA LOBBY DAY 2008

When: Wednesday February 13, 2008

Why: To get updates from key speakers on LWVIA priorities in the morning (bottle bill, pay day loans, treatment for special needs offenders in prisons, voting machines with paper trail and lobby your legislators over lunch or in the afternoon at the Capitol

Time: Registration and coffee from 9:30-10:00 with program to follow.

Where: Calvary Baptist Church at 606 E. 9th Street, one block northwest of the Capitol.

Parking: In the church lot or directly across the street at the Republican Headquarters.

Make arrangements in advance to meet with your legislators for lunch or in the afternoon. You will also have an opportunity to attend committee meetings and tour the Capitol.



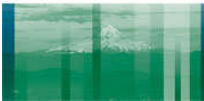
PROGRAM PLANNING REMINDER

Every two years, state and local Leagues and ILOs participate in the LWVUS Program Planning process by making recommendations concerning program issues. The Program Planning process is an important League tool for identifying issues for study and maintaining our grassroots tradition. [Read about the program planning process here](#), including information about submitting your response through a mail-in form or the online submission form, before the March 1, 2008, deadline. You can also [join the LWVUS Program Planning discussion list](#) to discuss and/or promote national issues for LWVUS Program Planning prior to Convention 2008. Waiting until the Convention to gather support for issues often results in limited discussion and incomplete information. Furthermore, raising issues at Convention instead of through the Program Planning process dilutes the voices of Leagues that do participate in the process. We encourage all Leagues to participate early in the formal Program Planning process!



FINAL CALL TO CONVENTION

Reaching New Heights Together
June 13-17, 2008 • Portland, Oregon



The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States now issues the final call to all recognized local and state Leagues and Inter-League Organizations to send delegates to the 48th National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD JUNE 13-17, 2008, AT THE HILTON PORTLAND, OR. THE DELEGATE BODY WILL

- Adopt the national program for 2008-2010
- Elect Officers and Directors and a Nominating Committee
- Decide the Per Member Payment for the biennium
- Adopt the LWVUS Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009)
- Vote on Proposed Amendments to the LWVUS Bylaws

CONVENTION PARTICIPATION

All League members are invited to Convention 2008. All non-delegate members may participate fully in Convention except for voting privileges.

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The IA Board of Directors has two unfilled positions. We are looking for someone to be our Vice President and someone who can serve as a director. If interested, please contact Martha Isaacson, Chair of the nominating committee at 515-292-5233 or Martha.isaacson@gmail.com

THE IOWA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

has announced its 2008 Legislative Agenda and seeks collaboration with other women's organizations to educate policymakers its top priorities, as follows:

1. Amending Code of Iowa Chapter 724.26, into alignment with federal law that prohibits persons who have been convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor or who are subject to a no-contact order from possessing firearms.
2. Set state targets and accountability standards for the participation of girls and women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education (middle school through postsecondary) and other non-traditional occupation training programs and develop a specific state plan for skill-building, education and recruitment of women for key industry sectors that ensures women are fully utilized in addressing the skilled worker shortage.
3. Support the federal Child Support Protection Act of 2007, which would restore the 25% budget cut (\$7.2 million) to Iowa's Child Support Recovery Unit (beginning 10/1/2007) resulting from the Deficit Reduction Act. In the event that federal changes do not restore funding, support the solution sought by the Governor to identify \$4.6 million in state matching funds to assist children and families in collecting child support.
4. Amending Code of Iowa Chapter 916 to strengthen the rights of sexual assault victims with comprehensive enumerated rights, such as the right to the presence of a victim counselor, the right to a medical exam at no cost to the victim, the right to law enforcement assistance, the right to seek a no-contact order, and the right to register as a victim in order to receive notification of proceedings.
5. Gender balance on boards and commissions of political subdivisions of the state.

For more information on how to get involved, please contact Rachel Scott, Division Administrator of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women at 515-281-4461 or dhr.icsw@iowa.gov.

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- Official voting delegates are designated by their League president or secretary
- State Leagues are entitled to three voting delegates chosen by the state LWV board
- Inter-League Organizations are entitled to one voting delegate chosen by the ILO board
- Local Leagues are entitled to voting delegates as determined by the official member count of voting members as of January 2008 as follows:

1–99 members one delegate
100–199 members two delegates
200–299 members three delegates
300–399 members four delegates
400–499 members five delegates
500–599 members six delegates, and so on

NATIONAL NEWS AND RESOURCES

CELEBRATE THE LEAGUE'S BIRTHDAY (NEW)

Leagues nationwide are gaining visibility by celebrating an important milestone - the League's 88th birthday (February 14). This anniversary is a perfect opportunity to reach out to the media, your community and potential new members to let them know about the wonderful work your League is doing!

The LWVUS has created a link at: http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Press_Releases&CONTENTID=10512&T For a customizable birthday press release template to assist you with your outreach. Contact Danielle Duffy at dduffy@lwv.org for more information or questions about membership recruitment.

GOING GREEN AND CUTTING POSTAGE COSTS...

The National Voter has sent a survey to all subscribers with e-mail addresses asking if they would accept electronic delivery in place of a hard copy. We are asking for "definitely yes" and "interested" responses; we assume that no response means a "no" vote. We have heard from about 4,000 of you and we hope to hear from more of you. If you would like to receive the survey or have questions, write to nationalvoter@lwv.org



FROM THE STORE ON NATIONAL WEBSITE

The VOTE! Brochure

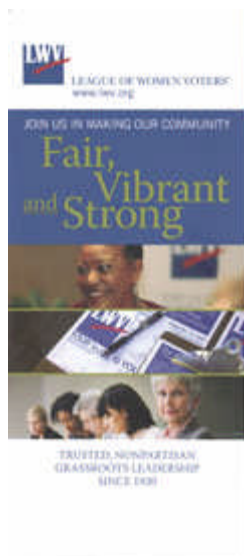
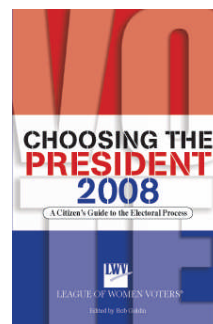


A step-by-step guide to voting and Election Day, especially designed to reach out to new young voters. It covers the five basics: Who can vote; what we'll vote on; when we'll vote; where we'll vote; and why we should vote. It also includes registration, absentee ballot and Election Day information, along with a brief list of our Election Day rights. Pub. No. 2062 Cost: \$5 for 50, \$9. for 100, and \$12 for 150.

Local League Membership Brochure

Brochure for Local League use. Pub. 1017 (2007). Price \$.15 each, minimum orders of 50= \$7.50.

Choosing the President 2008: A Citizen's Guide to the Electoral Process



Product ID: 2017 Price: \$14.95 Volume Price Category: Civic Participation League Resources Voter Information Description: The latest edition in the respected League tradition of citizen tools for elections. Choosing is a thorough, nonpartisan and voter-friendly guidebook to the players and events. Especially valuable for students and first-time voters. 2008. LWVEF.

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