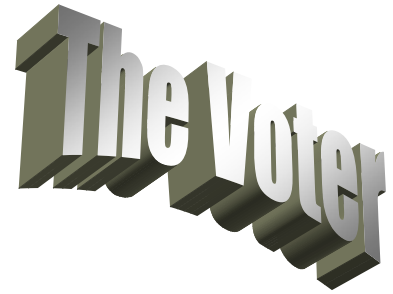




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CALENDAR

January 18, Wednesday, Monthly Member Meeting. Blair Library, 11:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and hear Marion Orton and Joyce Hale discuss “Why Watersheds?” as part of the State League Water Quality Study. (Details below)

February 6, Monday, Board Meeting at Joyce Hale’s , 6:30 p.m.

February 15, Wednesday, Monthly Member Meeting. Blair Library. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Panel Discussion on “The Arkansas Judiciary and Amendment 80” moderated by Bill Schreckhise.

FROM LIBBY’S DESK

Our League ended 2005 with a holiday luncheon and a talk by State Senator Sue Madison on the tax situation in Arkansas. She explained why we are so tied to the sales tax and how difficult it is to raise adequate funding without increasing this regressive tax. We are fortunate to have Sue, with her wealth of experience, as a League member.

I am pleased to announce that our LWVWC has received a \$1,400.00 grant from the LWVUS and the Program for Constitutional and Legal Policy of the Open Society Institute to support our February program on the Arkansas Judiciary. This award is the result of the hard work of Karen Minkel and her committee. The February judiciary program is co-sponsored by the University of Arkansas Law School and the new Benton County LWV. Confirmed panelists are David Matthews, J. D. Gingerich of Little Rock, and John Watkins. There will be more information on this program in the February *Voter*, but now is the time to **mark your calendar for February 15, plan to attend and bring a friend.** This should be a special evening.

A final note: Please renew your League membership if you haven’t already so that we can keep you informed and work for more responsible government in our county and state. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING

Jan. 18, Wed., Blair Library, 401 Mountain St. 11:30 am

Water Quality Study, presented by our own Marion Orton and Joyce Hale in partnership with OMNI. This is a state wide issue, but our presenters will address a few of the main problems affecting water quality in Northwest Arkansas. Bring a sack lunch and join us. Drinks are available at Arsaga’s in the main lobby.

NON REGISTERED VOTERS

An article in the Jan. 1 *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* stated that “The number of people eligible for jury duty is up by more than 50% in the four counties taking advantage of a 2003 law that lets counties expand their jury pools by including licensed drivers in addition to registered voters”. We have our work cut out for us to get that 50% registered to vote.