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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 1 - JANUARY 31, 2012 – LWV MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (Information/Form on page 5)

NOVEMBER 14 (Monday) - 5:30 p.m.—7:30 PM, RECEPTION Celebrating the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation “Partners in Progress” & Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families with Special Guest: Dr. Sherece West/WRF at the home of Joel and Lynn Carver, 401 Lake Road, Springdale, AR 72764. R.S.V.P. nwa@aradvocates.org (See “Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation . . .” on page 3)



NOVEMBER 16 (Wednesday) – Noon, PRESENTATION by Fran Alexander - “Whatever You Do, Stay in Print: The Life of Ernie Deane” at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson St. in Springdale (See “Remembering Ernie . . . on page 3)

NOVEMBER 16 (Wednesday) – 6:30 – 8:00 PM, MEMBER CONSENSUS MEETING ON EDUCATION at the Pat Walker Center for Seniors Auditorium, at the corner of Appleby and North Hills Boulevard on the WRMC Campus (See “Member Consensus . . .” on page 2)

NOVEMBER 21 (Monday) – 5:30 PM, LWVWC BOARD MEETING at Joyce Hale's residence, 285 W. Cleburn St., Fayetteville. All LWVWC Members welcomed to attend.

NOVEMBER DECEMBER TO BE ANNOUNCED – TAMALES FOR THE HOLIDAYS: An informal opportunity for members of the Hispanic Women’s Organization of Arkansas (HWOA) to share culinary arts and skills related to making tamales (More on page 4)



DECEMBER 14 (Wednesday) - 6:30 – 8:00 PM, LWVWC HOLIDAY CELEBRATION with HWOA in The Lodge at Butterfield Trails Village, 1923 East Joyce Boulevard, Fayetteville (See “. . . Holiday Social” on page 4)



DECEMBER 31 – FAYETTEVILLE COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT PROJECT TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETING RESIDENTIAL HABITAT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT (More on page 4)

JANUARY 25, 2012 (Wednesday) - 11:30 AM - 1 PM, LWVWC MONTHLY MEETING and Local Program on Emergency Preparedness at the Fayetteville Public Library, 401 West Mountain Street

**From the LWVWC President
By Mary Alice Serafini**

Greetings, renewing and new members of the League of Women Voters of Washington County! As we near the deadline for renewals, I first want to remind each member to check their check books to make sure their renewal check has been submitted.

We are grateful to our Legislators for their participation in the Legislative Forum held on Monday, November 7. League members and guests were brought up to date on their interests in poverty, services for

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people with disabilities, Arkansas helmet laws, wage theft, access to higher education for students of undocumented parents, health insurance exchanges and teen pregnancy. The almost standing-room only crowd of League members and Legislators accomplished a lot. Many thanks to the volunteers who shared the responsibilities for staging the forum.

In October 2011, a very well-informed team of League members educated us on the issues included in the LWVUS study on Education. We were challenged to look at the issues in federal and national funding. Now we will gather on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to arrive at a consensus. The LWVWC consensus will be sent to LWVUS to join a nationwide consensus. If you missed the evening of education, don't let that stand in your way of coming and participating in the process of consensus. This process is educational in nature and very informative – don't miss it!

We are looking forward to a wonderful social evening in Butterfield Trails Village Lodge with members and guests of the LWVWC and the Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas on December 14, 2011!

Member Consensus Meeting on Education

By Genie Donovan

A very important meeting for all League Members will be held in the Pat Walker Auditorium Senior Center (WRMC) on Wednesday, November 16, 6:30—8:00 p.m. At this meeting, we will help the LWVUS establish a position on "The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education."

The October 2011 *VOTER*, pages 5-6 (<http://www.lwvarwc.org/newsletter/2011oct.pdf>), contained the questions we will answer as we reach a consensus to express our group opinion. Our answers along with all other Leagues will be forwarded to the National office and will be used to form a position to guide the League as it advocates for or against proposed legislation on education.

The presence and opinion of every League member is vital for this process to be successful.

This subject and some of the questions were discussed at the October 2011 member meeting. If you were unable to attend or need more information on the subject, additional study references may be accessed on LWVWC website Educational Resources link:

<http://www.lwvarwc.org/educationresources.htm>

In addition, members of the Education Committee, Berta Seitz, Genie Donovan, Betty Solis, Judy Carey, Anita Bukey and Mary Kennedy, will be present to give us guidance.

LWVWC Legislative Luncheon Tops Previous Attendance

By Joyce Hale

A 70% participation of Washington County Legislators and a 50% increase in luncheon attendance over last year provided a very lively discussion of upcoming state issues and economic challenges. As noted previously in the "From the President" article, Mary Alice Serafini posed questions on and moderated legislators' responses to topics ranging from health care and Dream Act scholarships to the highway funding tax election. Audience members initiated discussions on additional issues of poverty, motorcycle helmet law, teen pregnancy, wage theft, and alternative transportation in Arkansas. The legislators expressed concerns about budget limitations, substance abuse, taxation, and prisons. They also expressed interest in seeing that the budget session beginning in January, 2012, is tightly run and concludes in a timely fashion. Several bills were discussed that had not made it out of committee in 2011 and their sponsors are planning to re-introduce them in 2013.

Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation “Partners in Progress” Report Release Reception
By Rich Huddleston\ Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families Executive Director
(Adapted for the LWVWC VOTER by Dot Neely)

A reception is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM to celebrate the release of a Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation “PARTNERS IN PROGRESS” report, entitled "*Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families: Affecting Policy and Programming.*"

The Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation (WRF) has been one of AACF’s primary partners since the AACF’s inception. WRF support has enabled AACF to respond to emerging public policy issues affecting the state’s most vulnerable children and families over the past four decades. WRF has devoted the second edition of its Partners in Progress series to examining this partnership. The series was developed to share lessons learned and to provide documentation that gives all stakeholders—not just grantees—the opportunity to reflect on their ability to impact, influence, and leverage resources for positive change in Arkansas.

If you cannot attend, the report will be available online at aradvocates.org. R.S.V.P. nwa@aradvocates.org

Remembering Ernie Deane at the Shiloh Museum
Shiloh Museum Press Release excerpt adapted for the LWVWC VOTER by Dot Neely

Journalist, educator, and historian Ernie Deane will be remembered in a program by his daughter, Frances "Fran" Deane Alexander, at noon on Wednesday, November 16 at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History.

The program is presented in conjunction with the museum’s newest exhibit, “Whatever You Do, Stay in Print: The Life of Ernie Deane,” which opened on October 3, 2011 and will be on display until July 21, 2012.

Ernie Deane was a press officer for Lieutenant General Omar Bradley, General Dwight Eisenhower, and General George S. Patton during World War II and at the Nuremberg Trials after the war; a newspaper columnist and author of “The Arkansas Traveler” and “Ozarks Country”; a professor of journalism at the University of Arkansas; a director of the War Eagle Fair;

a champion of historic preservation and a key figure in rallying support for restoring Old Main; and a community activist.

The Shiloh Museum, located at 118 W. Johnson St. in Springdale, is open Monday through Saturday and admission is free. For more information, call 750-8165.



Ernie Deane and his newborn daughter, Frances (1943)

Government in Arkansas
By Libby Wheeler

The League of Women Voters of Arkansas is currently revising and editing in preparation for the 9th edition of *Government in Arkansas*. This publication, begun in 1976 by Peg Anderson of our Washington County League, is being updated by Douglas and Margaret Reed of Ouachita Baptist University. Dr. Douglas Reed is Moody Professor of Political Science and Margaret is Associate Professor and Media Librarian.

Government in Arkansas is an approved textbook for use in Arkansas schools and has been a helpful reference to some newly elected state legislators. We are also fortunate to have Dr. Ethel Simpson, retired from the University of Arkansas’ Special Collections Department, voluntarily contribute her editing skills.

The 9th edition should be available for purchase early next year. Ordering information will be available in a subsequent issue of the *VOTER* or at www.educatorsbook.com. The book is published on demand and provides a modest source of revenue for LWVAR.

Tamales for the Holidays!

By Joyce Hale



It's that time of year when families gather together and spend a lot of time in the kitchen preparing wonderful dishes and holiday feasts. In Mexico tamales are prepared in huge batches to last through the holidays. If you are interested in joining with expert tamale makers from the Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas to make these special treats for our League Holiday Social, call Joyce Hale, 527-2777 or email joycehale43@gmail.com for more information. Time and place are yet to be determined

LWVWC Annual Holiday Social

By Joyce Hale

The LWVWC holiday event will return to the same venue as last year's successful holiday celebration. This year, in keeping with the membership's interest in promoting greater interaction with Hispanics living in the area, a special invitation has gone out to the Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas. With 2012 shaping up to be a major election year, the League is challenged to assist residents with new citizenship to participate fully in the election process. That also means helping educate about ballot issues and promote viewership of televised candidate forums and political panels within the Hispanic community.

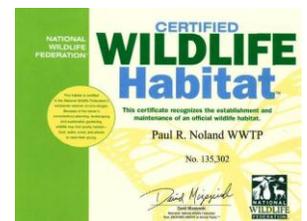
The social will take place at The Lodge at Butterfield Trails on **Wednesday, December 14 from 6:30 to 8:00.** (Note that this is later than was posted earlier on the website calendar.) Members are asked to share additional refreshments in addition to the traditional ethnic foods Hispanics are famous for preparing during the holidays.

Fayetteville Community Wildlife Habitat Project Resident Registration Count-Down

By Dot Neely

Fayetteville residents are on track to help our city become the first in Arkansas to be certified for the high quality of its urban habitat for wildlife. Less than 50 more applications are needed by the December 31, 2011 Registration Target Date, in order to meet the National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat Project Residential Criteria requiring the participation and approval of at least 200 homes/yards in the city (NWF Garden for Wildlife Link: <http://www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Outdoor-Activities/Garden-for-Wildlife.aspx>).

The October 2011 VOTER (<http://www.lwvarwc.org/newsletter/2011oct.pdf>) includes the **Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certification Registration Form** (pages 9-10) and additional information on obtaining a fee-paid registration form, if you choose to register by mail. You may also register online on the National Wildlife Federation website: <www.nwf.org/nwfgarden>.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

By Susan Rausch

Thank you to Jana Britton, Shelby Rogers and Ozark Steel for your contributions and to our members who have just joined or renewed for the 2011-2012 fiscal year:

Mary E. Barham
 Karla Bradley
 Judy Carey
 Bob Caulk
 Sara Caulk
 Adella Gray
 Kathy Grisham
 Laura Kellams
 Joyce Kennedy

Rob Leflar
 Sarah Leflar
 Izola Morgan
 Mary Bess Mulhollan
 Dot Neely
 Janine Parry
 Shelby Rogers
 Anne Ternes Rosso

Walter Schreckhise
 Dr. Jane Scroggs
 Dr. James Scroggs
 Dr. Barbara Taylor
 Gladys Tiffany
 Gene Tweraser
 UA Serials Department
 Diana Gonzales Worthen

National LWVUS increased the Per Member Payment (PMP). In order to offset the increase and allow local Leagues to keep their dues at the same level this year, the LWVAR Board voted to reduce the State membership fees from \$10.00 to \$5.00 per member.

If you still need to renew, the information (below) is requested.

New Member or Renewal Application & Interest Survey Form

Name _____ Date _____ New/Renewal _____
 Address _____ City/Zip _____
 Phone Number _____ E-Mail (Please print carefully) _____

DUES: Individual Membership - \$40 Family Membership - \$60 Student - \$20

If preferred payment is by check and delivery by mail, write check payable to "LWVWC" and send to the following address: LWVWC / P. O. Box 4 / Fayetteville, AR 72702

Check LWVWC activities for which you may be interested in volunteering:

- Attend City Council, Planning Commission, Task Force, Quorum Court, etc. Meetings when needed
- Voter Registration
- Help with TV Candidate Forums
- Help with Publicity, Displays, or Posters
- Assist with Mailings
- Assist with Telephoning
- Provide Food for Events
- Lobby State Legislature
- Provide a Facility/Home for Meetings
- Provide Transportation to Meetings
- Video Record or Photograph Activities
- Newsletter Writing
- Other

I wish to receive calls to action on specific issues of interest: All League Concerns _____
 Education _____
 Environment _____ Social Policies _____ Voting & Governance _____

I wish to limit my membership to receiving the newsletter. _____

I do not wish to join, but would like to make a contribution (any amount appreciated). _____

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