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From the Desk of the President of the League of Women Voters of Arkansas

As we begin 2006, we are heartened to hear about the energy in local League programs throughout Arkansas as well as diligent voter service. With the study of water issues in Arkansas, we are reminded of the League’s commitment to support practices and advance policies which will assure that future generations have adequate and clean water. I know that the programs are thoughtful and serious, the discussions are lively and we are discovering remarkable experts and citizens in our communities who wish to partner with the League to protect our valuable water resources. Each of us has both a personal and civic responsibility to inform ourselves and others of the importance of this particular study of water resources. Thank you Marion Orton and Nancy Clark for giving us such a thought-provoking study.

Of great interest to all is the upgrading of voting equipment to bring all counties into compliance with HAVA, the Help American to Vote Act. League members are making a difference in holding our election officials accountable to find high quality and dependable electronic equipment which will make the process of voting accessible as well as trustworthy. We are becoming true experts on “paper-trails” . Thanks to everyone who has worked on this and who have kept fellow League members and members of their communities well-informed.

As your president, I want you to know how much I value the achievements of our local Leagues. Local League study and action are at the heart of the LWVAR. You may have a letter from me by now, affirming my support of your efforts and accomplishments. It is my hope that you will also value the importance of having a state League of Women Voters which can make an impact on both state and national issues. Please consider giving something to the LWVAR to assure that our operating funds can cover the cost of maintaining an office, voter service, collaboration with other organizations and state program priorities. Thank you in advance for helping the LWVAR meet its financial obligations.

And, finally, the League of Women Voters of Arkansas, is an organization made up of remarkable members. When we lose former presidents like Lois Imhoff and Bobbie Hill, we remind ourselves how fortunate we were as individuals and as a state to have experienced their leadership and their impact on public policy and voter education.

Please know that each of you are valuable as a member of LWVAR and a citizen of the state of Arkansas.

Sincerely, Mary Alice Serafini, President, LWVAR

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## WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THOSE FILES

Are boxes of league files filling up your closet? Here is what you can do with them.  
Thin out working papers and save only:

1. **MINUTES**--Keep them neatly and well dated in a loose leaf notebook
2. **BUDGETS**--Keep them neatly and well dated in a loose leaf notebook
3. **ACTIVITIES**--Keep a scrapbook of flyers, programs, photos, news clippings, your local VOTERS. (Appoint an historian to keep this material up to date. You may want to display the scrapbook at your annual meetings.)

#### 4. **LEAGUE STUDIES**

LOCAL--Have your local study committee write a summary of their findings, the league's consensus and even what they did not agree on and why. Ten or more years from now when you reread this study you will be amazed at the changes that have taken place in the community and in your thinking and be proud of the changes you inspired!

STATE--Besides the material from the state study briefly tell how your league responded. Keep the main material. Most issues don't go away. They develop in additional directions. After several years it is interesting to review these older studies. You maybe updating it.

The State League office will keep State VOTERS, Convention and Council Workbooks, the state league minutes and budgets and scrapbooks of photos and news clippings. It also will have a supply of League publications.

NATIONAL--Save the material you use each year. Keep a copy of the consensus you sent to LWVUS. Your local library may want copies of some of the national material, especially the National VOTER.

In ten or less years you may decide that you don't want all these notebooks of minutes, budgets, and scrapbooks. Now is the time to give the records to the University of Arkansas Library of Special Collections. Bring your boxes of files to the LWVAR office in Little Rock and one of our Fayetteville members can deliver them to the library for you. It is better to have all the files at the same library. When you want to look up data on league history in Arkansas you can call Special Collections a day or two ahead of when you want to see it and the library will bring it from storage. Plan to spend a few hours or days. You will not be able to check it out.

## **G o v e r n m e n t   i n   A r k a n s a s**

**The 2005 edition of Government in Arkansas is a valuable tool for students, teachers and citizens at large. Members of LWVAR are encouraged to contact schools in your area to encourage teachers to include this valuable book in their courses. Recently updated, this book clearly explains the way our state works and the government processes that are in place. Encourage members of your community to go to our website, [www.lwv-arkansas.org](http://www.lwv-arkansas.org) for ordering information.**

## League of Women Voters of Arkansas 1/1/2006

EXPENSE	2005-2006 Budget	Proposed Budget 2006-2007	INCOME	2005-2006 Budget	Proposed Budget 2006- 2007			
<b>Board of Directors</b>			<b>Allocation from Ed Fund</b>					
Copying	\$50.00	\$50.00	Citizen's Info Guide	\$600.00	\$600.00			
Meetings (Travel)	\$750.00	\$750.00	Government in Arkansas	\$2,000.00	\$500.00			
Postage	\$25.00	\$25.00	GTAE0	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00			
Publications	\$25.00	\$25.00	Office Support	\$300.00	\$300.00			
Telephone	\$300.00	\$300.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,900.00</b>			
President	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	<b>Allocation from Gov. in AR</b>					
Secretary	\$10.00	\$10.00		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>			
Treasurer	\$40.00	\$40.00	<b>Book Sales</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>	Government in Arkansas	\$10,000.00	\$8,200.00			
<b>Organization</b>			Winning Campaigns	\$100.00	\$100.00			
Budget Committee	\$25.00	\$25.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,100.00</b>	<b>\$8,300.00</b>			
Nominating Committee	\$25.00	\$25.00	<b>Contributions</b>					
Development	\$300.00	\$300.00	Members	\$2,200.00	\$1,100.00			
Membership Brochures	\$150.00	\$150.00	Non-Members	\$1,000.00	\$500.00			
Membership Service	\$200.00	\$200.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>			
PMP's for MAL's	\$750.00	\$630.00	<b>Endowment Trust Interest</b>					
Voter	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00		<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,050.00</b>	<b>\$2,930.00</b>	<b>Grants/Fundraising</b>					
<b>Program &amp; Action</b>				<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>			
Advocacy&Lobbyist	\$200.00	\$200.00	<b>Local Leagues</b>					
National Convention/Council	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	Pledges	\$300.00	\$300.00			
State Convention/Council	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	PMP's	\$2,585.00	\$2,585.00			
Program & Action	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,885.00</b>	<b>\$2,885.00</b>			
Publication by LWVAR	\$100.00	\$100.00	<b>Mal Dues</b>					
Voter Services	\$900.00	\$900.00		<b>\$1,800.00</b>	<b>\$1,715.00</b>			
Citizen's Guide	\$600.00	\$600.00	<b>State Council/Convention</b>					
Government in Arkansas	\$2,000.00	\$500.00		<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>			
GTAE0	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	<b>All Other Income</b>					
Office Support	\$150.00	\$150.00		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			
Winning Canpaigns Promo	\$50.00	\$50.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,800.00</b>	<b>\$9,300.00</b>		<b>\$26,485.00</b>	<b>\$23,305.00</b>			
<b>State Office Operations</b>			<p><b>Mary Parson Gift</b></p> <p>As you will remember, League member Mary Parsons gave the League of Women Voters a gift of over \$30,000 to be invested in the LWVAR Endowment. The gift will be invested according to the LWVAR Trust established in the 1980's. We are on the brink of completing the investment following the last meeting of the Board of Directors in January during which time procedures designated by the Trust were completed. This wonderful and thoughtful gift will benefit future League activities and assure that the League continues to take a lead in the education of informed voters and citizens.</p>					
Salaries	\$1,500.00	\$1,760.00						
AESD	\$40.00	\$10.00						
FICA	\$225.00	\$160.00						
Capital Expenses	\$300.00	\$1,065.00						
Insurance	\$450.00	\$0.00						
Maintance Contract	\$100.00	\$100.00						
Postage	\$700.00	\$350.00						
Property Taxes	\$25.00	\$40.00						
Rent	\$3,840.00	\$3,840.00						
Supplies/Copying	\$600.00	\$300.00						
Telephone/Internet	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,280.00</b>	<b>\$9,125.00</b>						
<b>All Other Expenses</b>							<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>							<b>\$25,830.00</b>	<b>\$23,305.00</b>

## **Call to Council**

All members of the League of Women Voters are invited to Council to be held on Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cox Building in Little Rock. LWVAR Council takes place every other year and offers members an opportunity to become better informed on issues which impact all of Arkansas. Members have a chance to network, meet new members, renew existing acquaintances and to basically, "talk program" all day long. This year's council will offer workshops on the Grand Prairie project and other water issues as well as pre-kindergarten and k-12 issues in education. These topics are very important to the state of Arkansas and to you as an informed citizen. Please come join the discussion. Complete the enrollment form and send it in now. We have greatly reduced the cost from \$50 to \$30. Hopefully, you will have time to join us on April 29 by sending in your registration by April 8, 2006.

### **LWVAR 25<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL LITTLE ROCK, AR**

#### **AGENDA APRIL 29, 2006**

<b>9:00AM - 9:45AM</b>	<b>President's Breakfast</b>
<b>9:00AM - 10:00AM</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00AM - 10:45AM</b>	<b>Call To Order and Roll Call</b>
<b>10:45AM - 12:30PM</b>	<b>Panel on Water Issues</b>
<b>12:30PM - 1:30PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:30PM - 2:30PM</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
	<b>Report of Budget Committee</b>
<b>2:30PM - 2:45PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:45PM - 3:30PM</b>	<b>Workshop: Pre-K Education</b>
<b>3:30PM - 4:15PM</b>	<b>Updates / Action</b>
	<b>State Study Items</b>
<b>4:15PM - 4:30PM</b>	<b>Wrap-up and Evaluation</b>

**25<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL 2006  
April 29, 2006**

**Central Arkansas Library System  
Cox Creative Center  
Meeting Room  
120 Commerce Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
Ph. (501) 918-3090**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

Local League or MAL Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one of the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending Council 2006 as a voting delegate \$30.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending Council 2006 as a full observer \$30.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending Council as a nonmember \$30.00

All of the above will include Council entry, workbook, luncheon, workshops, and breaks

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending Council for Panel on Water Only \$10.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ I need Guest Luncheon Ticket(s) Only \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please make checks payable to LWVAR)

**Note: If you want vegetarian meals only please check here** \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, call the LWVAR office at 501-376-7760. Reservations should be received no later than April 8<sup>th</sup>. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please Complete this Registration Form and Return It To:

LWV of Arkansas  
2020 West Third St.  
Suite #504  
Little Rock, AR 72205

## LOCAL LEAGUE HAPPENINGS

**Pulaski County** in 1991 saved Murry Park from through traffic. The issue has now been re-opened. Also, they continue to examine the “pros” and “cons” of “Mayor – Council” form of Government having recently had the city attorney Tom Carpenter address League members.

**Fairfield Bay** is preparing to use electronic voting machines in March. Also, they continue to work on the water study by completing individual assignments.

**Jonesboro** has resurrected its Lobby Corp to study action items and promote program planning.

**Washington County** is working on the water study. They received a grant to further study the Judiciary and are planning a forum for February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Benton County** “Provisional League” continues to recruit new members and is planning to host candidate forums for local races.

## Calendar 2006

January 14: State Board Meeting

Feb. 15: Is Justice Served In AR Courts?  
LWV Wash Co. Fayetteville  
Library 6:00pm

April 29: LWVAR COUNCIL 25  
Cox Creative Center Mtg. Room  
9:00am - 4:30pm

June 10 - 13: LWVUS Convention  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 17: LWVAR Board Meeting

Oct. 14: LWVAR Board Meeting

Nov. 11: LWVAR Hall of Fame II  
Planning Committee Meeting

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