



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

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**CALENDAR**

**Saturday, August 13** ORIENTATION. Blair Library, Board Room, 9:30-12:00.

**Thursday, September 22** LEAGUE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP EVENT, 5:00 –7:00 p.m. , Joyce Hale’s home, 285 W. Cleburn, Fayetteville (near Wilson Park).

**ORIENTATION, August 13**

This meeting is held each summer to acquaint new officers, new board members and new members with the League of Women Voters: the terminology, the programs and the working processes. Regular Officers , Board members and other interested members are urged to attend to help the President in this orientation process (see Calendar for details).

Elizabeth Wheeler, President

**LEAGUE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP EVENT, September 22**

This League event is purely social to invite interested persons to join the LWVWC. Members, please bring friends, neighbors and relatives whom you think would be interested in becoming members. Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served. (See Calendar above for details).

Lois Alward, Membership Chair

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome three new members: **Leanne Reed, Mary Dillard, and Anne Ternes Ross**

**THE TRAILS OF FAYETTEVILLE**

League members and the Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association teamed up in April for a trek down the trails of Fayetteville. Dave Parker led the first walk on the **Mud Creek Trail**. We walked on the hard-surfaced pathway as it maneuvers its way along Mud Creek, past Butterfield Trail Village, under College Avenue and behind the businesses along Joyce Avenue. It is a marvel of nature in the midst of commerce.

In May, Bob Caulk led the second walk at **Lake Fayetteville**. We discovered the new bridge over the spillway from which we watched a fox settle itself for a morning nap. The trail then moves into the wooded shore edge of the Lake and is a laboratory for tree fanciers.

June found us in **Mt. Sequoyah Woods** under the leadership of Pete Heinzelmann trudging up the mountain from the south entrance (Happy Hollow Road at Paddock Lane). This Fayetteville treasure is well worth the extra effort it takes to climb the mountain to the scenic overlook where the benches are a welcome surprise,

We will continue our discovery of Fayetteville trails in October when the weather is cooler. Watch the VOTER for time and place and join the League and FNHA for a lot of fun. Genie Donovan

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### THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL NON-MEMBER CONTRIBUTORS

These individuals and businesses make it possible for the League to accomplish many goals during the year. Without their help, we would not be able to print and distribute our many publications, rent space for public forums, and accomplish other League goals. Thanks!

**BANK OF FAYETTEVILLE, WOODY BASSETT, JIM BLAIR, COLLIER'S DRUG STORE, DAN & DEBORAH COODY, JOHN DAY, DENNIS HOME FURNISHINGS, MARILYN EDWARDS, RICHARD & CHARLOTTE FORSYTHE, JACK & JAN GROH, GLEN & BARBARA HARDY, KAY TRUMBO HAVENS, DR.PETE & MARGO HEINZELMAN, HUGH & BRENDA KINCAID, MARY J. KREIE, DR. ROBERT MARTIN, ROGER MONTGOMERY & COLEEN GASTON, EUNICE NOLAND, OZARK STEEL CO., JANET RICHARDSON, SHELBY ROGERS, ANN ROSSO, SUSAN & DAVID SCHROEDER, SARA & FRANK SHARP, JOE FRED & BILLIE JO STARR, NANCY TALBURT, ARCHIE SCHAFFER WITH TYSONS, LYNN & KATHERINE WADE.**

Jeanine Neuse, Finance Drive Chair

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### THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL MEMBER CONTRIBUTORS

The following members contributed (in addition to their membership dues) during the fiscal year. Most of the membership dues goes to state and national Leagues so these contributions are crucial to support local League activities such as voter service and education about issues and positions. Thanks!

**LOIS & HARRY ALWARD  
PEG ANDERSON  
LESLIE BELDEN  
WANDA BELZUNG  
JO BENNETT  
ANITA BUKEY  
MARY BURTON  
JANE DAVIS  
GENIE DONOVAN**

**EMILY HART  
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HARRIET JANSMA  
SALLY KELLEY  
BETTIE LU LANCASTER  
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LOUISE RUSSERT-KRAEMER  
WILLIAM SHERMAN  
TRUDY & TOM SCOTT**

**WANDA STEPHENS  
BARBARA TAYLOR  
BOBBIE N. TEMPLETON  
GENE TWERASER  
HARRIET VERNON  
MARTHA & MIKE WARD  
ELIZABETH WHEELER  
MARION WYCKOFF**

Martha Ward, Treasurer

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### THE NATIONAL VOTER URGES MEMBERS TO ACTION

In "Hill Bulletin" our National Voter lists several items that we can write our Senators or Congressmen about

- (1) to support the **527 Reform Act of 2005, S.271** which closes the loophole which allows 527s (political organizations) to operate free from the federal campaign finance laws allowing our nation to again "face the corrupting influence of huge 'soft money' contributions."
- (2) to support the **Security and Freedom Enhancement Act of 2005, S.737 & HR 1526** which seeks to limit "sneak and peek" warrants (secret warrants that allows government secret searches).
- (3) To support the **Presidential Funding Act** which is designed to save presidential public financing

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**Genie Donovan, President, Presented at the Annual Meeting**

These last two years as League President have not always been fun. There have been challenges, there have been disappointments, there have been frustrations. But on balance they have been two of the most rewarding years of my life. It has been a privilege to be the President of such an organization. The League has accomplished a great deal these past two years because the League is made up of a group of people, both on the Board and League members, who never failed to rise to a challenge, who sometimes said "yes, let's do it" or had the good sense to say "whoa, let's not go there." Thank you, everyone of you!

We have made a special effort to enlist the help of other organizations in our effort to support good government in Washington County, Arkansas and the nation. Sometimes we took the lead in promoting cooperation. Other times we were invited to join forces with like-minded organizations. I would like to mention a few of them:

The fall of 2004 was an incredibly busy time for the League. During those few months:

- \*We co-sponsored a distinguished panel to discuss "Civil Liberties and National Security" with the University of Arkansas School of Law with the assistance of the Fayetteville Public Library and a grant from "We the People." Over 200 people attended this event.

- \*We registered voters at various locations in Fayetteville and Springdale, helped by the Association of American University Women. Other registration efforts were assisted by Omni and Razorbash at U of A.

- \*We conducted 21 televised Candidate Forums with the Government Channel providing technical assistance.

- \*We promoted elections and League activities with Community Access Television.

- \*We distributed 18,000 copies of the League's "Citizens Guide" in English and Spanish in Washington County and across Arkansas and 300 copies of "Substance Abuse" in Washington County.

- \*We shared national League publications---"Choosing the President" and "Navigating the Election" with libraries and the Ozark Literacy Council.

- \*We joined "Kids Vote" explaining voting and ballots to elementary school children.

We have been equally busy this spring:

- \*We prepared and distributed 5,000 copies of "Guide to Elected Officials" with the financial support of the Bank of Fayetteville.

- \*We joined the lobbying efforts of the the Arkansas Public Policy Panel to support clean water, fair and accurate voting procedures, and equitable taxes (at the 2005 Arkansas Legislature).

In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League of Women Voters of Arkansas:

- \*We researched, wrote, edited and published "A History of the League of Women Voters of Arkansas" (In this instance "We" is Marion Orton and Libby Wheeler, assisted by special Collections at the University of Arkansas Library).

- \*Our League is especially honored to have four of our members recognized for their outstanding service to the League: Peg Anderson, Marion Orton, Lois Imhoff, and Sylvia Swartz.

If you kept count, you will realize that 13 different organizations or institutions partnered with us in our efforts. In summary it is necessary to define "We". We is you, me, every League member and many League spouses. None of this would have happened without every one of you.

Again, thank you. Genie Donovan