

CALENDAR

October 3, Monday, Board Meeting, Joyce Hale's home, 285 W. Cleburn, 6:30 p.m.

October 8, Saturday Trail Walk at Lake Wilson, 9:00 a.m.. See directions below.

October 19, Wednesday, Monthly Member Meeting, "Fayetteville's Trails---A Look at the Master Plan"
with Steve Hatfield, City of Fayetteville Trails Coordinator. Blair Library, 11:30-1:00p.m.

November 16, Wednesday, Monthly Member Meeting. "What Went Right, What Went Wrong: An Update on the 2004 Presidential Election" with University of Arkansas Political Science Professor Todd Shields. Meeting Room, Sierra Club Office, 110 W. Meadow St. Fayetteville, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

FROM LIBBY'S DESK

It is with some trepidation that I follow Genie Donovan as your League President. For the past two years, one a busy election year, Genie oversaw an active agenda of League activities, and we are fortunate to have her remain on the Board to continue to share her knowledge and enthusiasm. Thanks for all you have done and will do, Genie.

Our new League year started in August with Board Orientation conducted by Genie. While we have many continuing Board members who keep this organization afloat, it is refreshing to welcome Nancy McCartney, Joyce Hale, Judy Carey, Sharon Echols, Karen Minkel and Mary Bess Mulhollan as new members to the Board.

At orientation, State League President Mary Alice Serafini reviewed the state studies planned for the next two years: Water Conservation, Pre-Kindergarten Education, Immigration and Social Justice, and Medicaid and State Funding. Sally Kelley, our media Board member, shared the work she has done on our local League's website (www.lwvarwc.org), and asked for suggestions to make it even better. The National League of Women Voters has a new website, www.lwv.org. Check these out!

A brief overview of LWVWC programs for the coming year was squeezed in amidst the good food and conversation at our membership party at Joyce Hale's home on September 22. In addition to the programs mentioned in the calendar, we plan to look at the tax situation in Arkansas, the judiciary, water conservation, and at the Department of Human Services in Washington County. Please let your Program Chair, Jana Britton, know any other program suggestions you have.

Your League is off to a good start, and we hope to see you at the monthly member meetings.

Libby Wheeler, President

TRAIL WALK AT LAKE WILSON, OCT. 8, DIRECTIONS

Our trail walk on Saturday morning, Oct. 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Lake Wilson will be led by Ron Foldvary, the designer of the trail. We will meet in the parking lot at Lake Wilson in south Fayetteville. The easiest way to get there is to go south on Morningside Dr. (which becomes City Lake Rd.), go past the Industrial Park until the road curves sharply to the right (west). At the beginning of the curve, go left on Wilson Hollow Rd, cross the historic Tilly Willy bridge and continue until the road splits. Take a left onto Lake Wilson Road until it ends in the Lake Wilson parking lot. This isn't far and is very clear on a Fayetteville city map. Hope to see you there.

OCTOBER MEMBER MEETING

Steve Hatfield, Trails Coordinator for Fayetteville, will talk about the city's Master Trail Plan. Our League supports "trailways throughout the city for walkers and bikers," so this meeting is a good time to find out what is proposed and how we can support continued trail development. Steve was instrumental in getting the Frisco Trail built, and we can stroll this trail after the meeting. Bring your sack lunch and join us at the Blair Library on Wednesday, October 19th.

Jana Britton, First Vice President

Two community events are coming up this weekend:

THE GRIDIRON SHOW

This is not a League sponsored or endorsed event, but one you might enjoy it. The political comedy show takes place on September 30th and October 1st at 8:00 p.m. at the Rogers Little Theater. The show is sponsored by the American Association of University Women and the Society of Professional Journalists, who write and perform the skits. Proceeds support scholarships. For tickets, call Wanda Stephens, 442-5250

MENTAL HEALTH CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Sunday, October 2nd, Fayetteville Town Center Plaza, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Northwest Arkansas and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill -- Northwest Arkansas Affiliate. The League has a stand on mental health, which includes supporting the removal of stigma about mental illness and working with groups (MHA, NAMI, Ozark Guidance) to educate that mental illnesses are treatable. Your attendance at the Vigil is a way to take action on a League consensus.

And later in October:

"Poetry Sung/Poetry Said" with Miller and Lucinda Williams. October 11th, 7:00 p.m., Walton Arts Center. This is not a League sponsored event but one promoted by the Friends of the Library, and all proceeds go to support the Blair Library.

THE ANNUAL SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP PARTY

More than 30 old members, new members, and guests gathered at Joyce Hale's lovely home on Thursday, September 22. We enjoyed fellowship, delicious food, and information on the League from Mary Alice Serafini and Libby Wheeler. Welcome to new members, Shawna Thorup, Sandy Edwards, Mary Fitzpatrick and Diana Gonzales Worthen.

Lois Alward, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE NEW LEAGUE YEAR ARE DUE

The League is beginning its new year and dues for 2005-2006 are due. Single memberships are \$35 and family memberships are \$52. Send them to LWVWC, P. O. Box 4, Fayetteville, AR 72702.

LATE CONTRIBUTION

Thanks to non-member Senator Mark Pryor for his contribution to the League. His contribution will help the League accomplish our goals in 2005-2006.

Jeanine Neuse, Finance Chair

GOVERNMENT IN ARKANSAS

Thirty copies of the League's new edition of "Government in Arkansas" have been delivered to libraries and schools in Washington County. Every library and school is overjoyed with this much-needed resource. One school principal called to say his school needs four more copies because it is the best resource available for the study of Arkansas history and government, and he appreciated the League's gift.

The following copies have been delivered or mailed:

- Ozark Regional Libraries----6 copies
- Fayetteville Public Library---2 copies
- Springdale Public Library—2 copies
- Fayetteville Public Schools---5 copies
- Springdale Public Schools---6 copies
- Greenland Public Schools---2 copies
- West Fork Public Schools---2 copies
- 1 copy to Farmington, Prairie Grove, Lincoln
- 2 copies for League use

The state League of Women Voters of Arkansas is responsible for this wonderful book and your dues and contributions enabled the Washington County League to purchase the 30 copies for use in our community.

Genie Donovan, Past President

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER TRAILS

From USA Today by Jim Drinkard, Aug.10,2005

"Three years into a national debate over the security and reliability of computerized voting machines, the skeptics are winning.

In the past month, legislatures in five states---Connecticut, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York and Oregon---have passed laws requiring computer-based voting machines to produce a paper backup that can be verified by the voter, according to Electionline.org, which monitors voting systems. That brings **to twenty five** the number of states that require a paper trail."*

*One of the LWVUS national positions is the support of paper trails on EVMs . The Ark. Legislature passed a law requiring this last session.

THE NATIONAL PROGRAM --- THE JUDICIARY

Our Board has decided to adopt as our national program this year a study of the judiciary. Karen Minkel is heading up a committee that will define an area of interest for us in this topic and the format of presentation for our February meeting. Small grants for the study are available from the National League of Women Voters. We are thinking of making this a joint venture with the newly formed League of Women Voters in Benton County. If you have a special interest in this topic, please let Karen know at karen [minkel@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_minkel@yahoo.com).