



The Voter

A Publication by the League of Women
Voters of Ames, IA
Annual Report Special Edition

Call to Annual Meeting

April 29, 2006

Brunch at 9 am

Green Hills Retirement Community Dining Room

Cost is \$ 7.50

Call in your reservations or e-mail Martha Isaacson
at 292-5233 or misaacso@iastate.edu

It is important that we receive your reservations by **April 24**
since Green Hills is catering the brunch

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REPORT WITH YOU**

From the Co-Presidents

CO-PRESIDENTS REPORT

As we come to the end of our term as Co-Presidents we want to thank our fellow Board members. Each one of them has had an important role to play in the achievements of the goals we set for these years.

It is a good reminder for all of us that to be a successful League the tasks need to be shared by all. The League is an organization of women and men that have a commitment to be non-partisan and to speak on issues after studying them.

For that we are proud and thankful. We are proud to continue to be one of Iowa's largest Leagues even if our city is not the largest one. We rejoice that amongst our new members we have young women. They will contribute their vision with newer eyes and we trust the future of our group in their hands.

At the end the 2005 program year we hosted the LWV of Iowa State Convention. A time to be energized, look at the future and reflects on Carrie Catt Chapman contributions to Women's movements.

Though we do not have General meetings in the summer, your Board members were busy with a retreat, planning of the General meetings and other activities to help us be ready for the 2005-2006 Calendar year.

The Living Wage position was adopted and the study of a revision of the Story County Medical Center was started

Issue briefing, President's Meeting and other meetings took out time. Two of the highlights of the year was Co-sponsoring with the YWCA their Race Against Racism and the November Celebration of our 85th year, which gave an opportunity to honor our long time members. What a Party!

Again we had an opportunity to visit with our Legislators on the LWV IA Lobby Day at the Capitol and again members of the Catt Associates joined us.

We continue to hold discussion through the Book Club, observe government meetings and put out "Vote Tuesday Signs" and plan occasional sack lunch meeting to learn more about particular issues.

As we close our term as Co-President we remember with love and gratitude Jane Greiman who died in February. At the time of her death she was chairing the Nominating Committee. The Board members have chosen to contribute a tree in her memory at the Ada Hayden Park honoring her love for growing plant.

We thank all those that make the year a success and were willing to go the extra mile to carry on the work of the LWV of Ames.

Jeannette Bohnenkamp and Selva Lehman
Co-Presidents

League Information

PROPOSED BUDGET, 2006-2007

	Budget 2005-2006	Proposed Budget 2006-2007
INCOME		
<i>Dues</i>	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00
<i>Contributions</i>		
Member		
Nonmember		
Subtotal	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00
<i>Other</i>		
Interest	\$10.00	\$10.00
Ed Fund*	\$1,602.00	\$1,602.00
Dinners	\$250.00	\$250.00
From Beg. Cash Balance-LWV	\$392.00	\$0.00
From Beg. Cash Balance-EF		\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,254.00	\$11,062.00

EXPENSE

<i>Board and Administration</i>		
President	\$100.00	\$100.00
Treasurer	\$150.00	\$150.00
Misc. Board Expenses	\$50.00	\$50.00
<i>Administrative Committees</i>		
Finance	\$150.00	\$150.00
Membership	\$100.00	\$100.00
Publicity	\$30.00	\$30.00
<i>Delegates & Travel</i>		
State Convention/Council	\$250.00	\$250.00
National Convention	\$2,700.00	\$1,500.00
Regional Workshops	\$75.00	\$75.00
Other Meetings	\$25.00	\$25.00
<i>Financial Support for the League</i>		
National PMP		
Local Account	\$1,332.00	\$1,332.00
EF Account*	\$1,332.00	\$1,332.00
State PMP		
Local Account	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00
EF Account*	\$280.00	\$280.00
<i>Bulletins</i>		
VOTER	\$500.00	\$500.00
Membership Directory*	\$80.00	\$80.00
Web Page*	\$160.00	\$160.00
<i>Educational Activities</i>		
Publications	\$10.00	\$10.00
Study Groups	\$100.00	\$100.00
Observer Corps	\$10.00	\$10.00
Voter Service*	\$500.00	\$500.00

Local LWV Meetings	\$100.00	\$100.00
Position Support	\$0.00	\$50.00
<i>Other</i>		
Dinners	\$150.00	\$150.00
Legislative Forums	\$150.00	\$150.00
Scholarships*	\$250.00	\$250.00
Awards	\$150.00	\$150.00
Transfer of Final Cash Balance	\$0.00	\$958.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$11,254.00	\$11,062.00

*see EF

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMES

PROPOSED EDUCATION FUND BUDGET, 2006-2007

INCOME		
Member/Nonmember	\$1,602.00	\$1,602.00
From Beg. Cash Balance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,602.00	\$2,602.00

EXPENSE

National PMP	\$1,332.00	\$1,332.00
State PMP	\$280.00	\$280.00
Membership Directory	\$80.00	\$80.00
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Voter Service	\$500.00	\$500.00
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Annual Reports

President Elect

This has been an exciting opportunity for me to work with the Ames League of Women Voters this year. The Ames League has again been strong with active league study groups and working on league priority issues.

We had a large attendance at the State League of Women Voters Convention held in Ames at the Iowa State Memorial Union on May 14, 2005. It was energizing for those who participated.

In September, we heard the final report of the Ames LWV Study on living wages. In October, our program was on the Story County Medical Center; Past, Present and Future. It is so important that we keep informed on these local issues. We have an on going study with this topic, especially relevant now, since plans for the future of the facility are being discussed.

League Activities

Our November meeting was especially fun, as we celebrated our 85th Birthday. We had a panel of past and present leaders discussing their political careers and important issues that they were involved with. The panel included Jane Halliburton, Jane Greimann, Ann Campbell, and Johnnie Hammond.

In January, our local program planning unit worked on having our league review national and state programs. Many ideas were generated for further topics to study and pursue.

Our February meeting was canceled due to the weather, but rescheduled for April. In March, we had a well attended meeting. The program was given by Nancy Brown on Clean Elections.

We will look forward to our meeting on Living Wage on April 20th. On April 29th we will have our annual brunch meeting to be held at Green Hills.

We will be very interested to hear the annual report from Judie Hoffman, LWVIA lobbyist at our May 18th salad supper meeting.

The Ames league has a very active book club that has discussed many current topics. We look forward to another year of great reading selections.

I am looking forward to working on more of the exciting programs planned for next year.

Randi Peters

Nominating Committee

Position	term end	Name
Co-Presidents	2007	Randi Peters Vacant
Pres Elect	2007	Sharon Wirth
Secretary	2008	Barbara Munson
Treasurer	2007	Jackie Manatt
Meeting Planner	2008 2008	Barbara Gwiasda Jeannette Bohnenkamp
Legislative Action	2008 2008	Lauris Olson Johnnie Hammond
Voter Editor	2008	Julie Snyder-Yuly Selva R. Lehman

Membership	2008	Marlys Potter Judy Dolphin
Voter Service	2007	Miriam Patterson
Publicity	2007	Jeri Prescott
Finance	2008	Alissa Stoehr Karen Bolluyt
Observer corps	2007	Sandra McJimsey
Nom. Committee	2006-07	Selva R. Lehman Mary Richards

Publicity Report

The publicity chair sent notices of general meetings and candidate forums to the local news media. Tom Jackson, Legislative Action Chair, handled the publicity for the Legislative Wake-Ups. Selva Lehman, Co-president, sent letters to community groups about the March meeting as a means of getting more community involvement. Information on meetings, forums, etc., has been sent to the Tribune, KASI radio, the Iowa State Daily, Ames Life and Times (Des Moines Register on Thursday), and Ames 365 (free community website run by Lauris Olson). If the meeting or forum was of general interest to county residents information was sent to the Nevada Journal, Tri-County Times, and the Story City Herald and Reminder.

A special thank you to all Board members who gave information to the media and/or collected clippings when I was out of town.

Jeri Prescott

Finance Committee

The finance committee has seen strong community support of the Ames League over the past two years. The 2004-2005 year-end Treasurer's Report showed that nonmember and member (non-dues) contributions to the League and to the League's Educational Fund totaled \$4,882.50, or 139% of the annual goal.

At the end of the first two quarters of the 2005-2006 finance year, the League had brought in \$3,065, or 90% of the annual goal. The League had reached 98% of the annual goal at this point last year, however, so contributions continue to be welcome!

League members have always given generously to the League. The 2004-2006 finance drive has focused on reaching out to more "friends" of the League and the effort has proven successful. This effort should be continued and expanded. The League would also be well served by considering the use of planning giving and fundraising for specific purposes.

Elizabeth Baird and Karen Bolluyt

Legislative Action

A forum was held November 29, 2005, to present the League's priorities for the 2006 session to the Story County legislators. The forum was cosponsored by the Carrie Chapman Catt Center and held on campus. A number of students participated and asked about issues they had been researching. Senator Herman Quirmbach and Representatives Lisa Heddens, Jim Kurtenbach and Beth Wessel-Kroeschell attended. Senator Stewart Iverson was invited but was unable to attend. League issues were presented by Mary Richards, Jan Beran, Selva Lehman, and Jeanette Bohnenkamp. After discussion, the legislators were asked to support the priority issues: a substantial increase in the tobacco tax; mandatory electronic filing of campaign finance reports; opposition to the death penalty and reform of mandatory sentencing; and opposition to a constitutional amendment that would require a referendum for certain revenue increases. There was good discussion and, while there was not universal support for the League positions, there was at least partial support for most.

Three Legislative Wake Up forums were held during the 2006 session. Saturday mornings continue to be a good time and there was good attendance by legislators and their constituents. All of the local legislators participated. A wide range of issues were presented by the public and the discussion among the legislators was lively.

Tom Jackson

The VOTER Newsletter and Website

The on-line distribution of the *Voter* continues to be a successful means of communication and cost savings. Deadlines for information to be published have been established to ensure the newsletter goes out the second week of each month.

The "Meet a Member" feature has received numerous positive comments from readers. We are also trying to put more information on new members in as they become members. This was done to create a more personal feel to the newsletter and to give the members the opportunity to get to know one another. We have begun this section featuring the board members; however, once we have featured the board members we will begin featuring general members.

The VOTER is e-mailed to 92 current members, the board members of the League of Women Voters of Iowa, and approximately 15 additional individuals a month who are being recruited to join or who have made contributions to the Ames League. Additionally, 25 hard copies are mailed to individuals who do not have e-mail access. The newsletter is also printed out so it is available to prospective members, available at events, and posted on the League's website available at <http://ames.ia.lwvnet.org/>.

In regards to the League of Women Voters of Ames, Selva Lehman has assumed the duties of updating and maintaining the content. The newsletters are posted, meeting times and locations are updated, studies and positions are available and various links have been added. Many thanks to Selva for volunteering to take over this task and doing such a great job.

Julie Snyder-Yuly

Voter Services

Voter Services chair, Ruth Jones, moved out of state in spring 2005. New co-chairs, Miriam Patterson and Mary Richards assumed responsibility at the summer Board Retreat in July.

Voter Services offered to be a presence at the ISU Welcomefest for voter registration, but were not encouraged by the sponsors to do this as other groups seemed to be offering voter registration. We will plan to be available for Welcomefest in 2006. Voter registration was also made available at a "family fun day" at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in September, and at the "Race Against Racism" at Inis Grove in October.

In late August, two weeks prior to the election, a School Board candidates' forum was held at Ames City Council chambers and telecast on the city channel. In view of the uncontested election (Mike Murray and Ron Werner-Wilson running for two vacant seats) there was a good turnout. Ames LWV assumed major responsibility for the forum with assistance from the Ames Chamber of Commerce. Judie Hoffman served as moderator for the League, with Cynthia Paschen, David Kraemer and AHS student Katherine Thompson on the panel of questioners for the League and Chuck Benson for the Ames Chamber. Further details are on file.

The Gilbert School District Superintendent contacted Ames LWV shortly prior to the school board election to inquire regarding a possible candidates' forum for that district. LWV indicated willingness but the school administration decided that it was too late in the process at that time. Ames LWV will make itself available to help with such a forum next fall if the school district desires.

Ames Chamber of Commerce took primary responsibility for the City candidates' forum held at City Council Chambers in late October, two weeks prior to the election. Emil Peterson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, moderated, and Jeri Prescott represented Ames LWV on the questioners' panel. Again, turnout was good for the event.

The Make Democracy Happen: Vote banner was hung on Main Street from mid October through election day in November. Update painting was done by First Class Signs, and the banner was hung and taken down by Nelson Electric. Nelson's requested that the League store the banner in the future, and it has been stored with Miriam Patterson until time for repainting next fall.

Mary Richards resigned from her position as co-chair of Voter Services in October in order to be able to play a more active role in a partisan election.

The Political Directory and Voter Guides were updated in October and January, and subsequently distributed to key areas around Ames and Story County: the county courthouse, Ames City Hall, Ames school administration offices, city and university library, retirement communities, etc. It also is reproduced on the website.

Iowa LWV provided us with 30 additional weather-proof "Vote Tuesday" yard signs, which can be distributed to League members or others on request.

As of this March date, tentative reservations have been made for City Council Chambers on the evening of May 22, 2006, for a LWV/Chamber of Commerce forum of primary candidates for county, state and/or congressional offices should a primary election be necessary. Filings for these positions must be made by March 15.

The Ames High School government faculty has been approached regarding the possibility of the Ames LWV providing voting machines and ballots for the spring election of the government of the student body. So far, there has been no response.

Miriam Patterson

Membership

This year started out slowly as we followed the usual procedures of contacting individuals who might be potential members to ask them to join the League of Women Voters of Ames. We gained 1 member each in January, July, August, and September. Then Judy, in discussion with the board, came up with the idea of having mini-membership meetings—30 minutes before the general meeting on a specific topic of interest to prospective members. In September the mini-meeting was on consensus; in October we introduced the Observer Corps. I sent out nearly 100 postcards to advertise each of those meetings, and a few prospectives attended each.

In November we held a major membership meeting as that month's General Meeting. Our major attraction was a panel called, "What the League Has Taught Me." Forming the panel were four longtime Leaguers who had gone on to elected office: Jane Greimann, Jane Halliburton, Johnie Hammond, and Ann Campbell—our newly elected mayor. Our esteemed panel drew a huge audience, and five new members joined League

that night! New members who joined the League that night were most complimentary about League's being a positive force during the election season and spoke of wanting to have a positive effect on issues.

All in all, our new members for the year totaled 14, a significant increase over the previous year. At the November meeting we also recognized all members who had belonged to the LWV of Ames for 25 years or more—37 of them. We would like to invite all members and friends of the Ames LWV to invite and actively recruit new members for the league. Send those suggestions along to the league board for followup.

Judy Dolphin & Barbara Munson

Observer Corps

The Observers faithfully represented the League this past year at the following meetings and made regular reports, either in writing or orally, to the League:

MARTHA ISAACSON, Observer at the Story County Medical Center, 4th Mondays at 5p.m.; was also responsible for bringing a panel of the Medical Center Board to the October 20, 2005, meeting of the League at the Green Hills Dining Room. An update was presented regarding plans and future direction of the Medical Center.

NANCY BROWN, Observer at Board meetings of Mary Greeley Medical Center every 4th Monday at 5:30 p.m. Submitted monthly written summaries.

RUTH LARSON, Observer at meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. of the Ames City Council. Submitted written reports.

BETTY JOHNSON, Observer at Ames School District Board of Education held twice monthly on Mondays at Ames High School multipurpose room at 6:30 p.m. Submitted written reports and newspaper accounts of meetings.

MIRIAM PATTERSON volunteered to serve as a substitute when Ruth Larson is unable to attend meetings of the Ames City Council.

The recruitment of several additional Observers to represent the League at meetings of the Ames Planning and Zoning Commission and the Story County Supervisors is crucial and remains as a goal for the next program year.

A big thanks to all who represented the Ames League of Women Voters as observers this past year. We salute your dedication and willingness to serve.

Betty Johnson

**BYLAWS REVISIONS AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMES**

*To be ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2005*

The first section that is inserted in two parallel columns includes changes that will affect the Position of President and President Elect. The position of Vice-President has been replaced by the position of General Meeting Planner. The second part includes changes that do not alter the substance of the League, but is uses friendlier language.

<p style="text-align: center;">Current</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IV <i>Board of Directors</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Proposed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IV <i>Board of Directors</i></p>
<p>Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers and/or co-officers of the League, elected directors and/or co directors, and appointed directors, up to sixteen persons. One-half of the elected positions shall be elected by the general membership at each annual meeting. The term of office of all elected directors shall be two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Each of the elected director positions may be filled by two persons who would be called co-directors. The elected director positions shall include Legislative Action, Voter Editor, Membership, Voter Service, Publicity, Finance, and Observer Corps. The elected Board members shall appoint such additional directors, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual meeting. At the option of the board, an elected director and appointed director may serve as co-directors for a given committee.</p>	<p>Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, elected directors and/or co directors, and appointed directors. A President-Elect and one-half of the other elected positions shall be elected by the general membership at each annual meeting. The term of office of all elected directors shall be two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Each of the elected director positions may be filled by two persons who would be called co-directors. The elected director positions shall include General Meeting Planning, Legislative Action, Voter Editor, Membership, Voter Service, Publicity, Finance, and Observer Corps. The elected Board members shall appoint such additional directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual meeting. At the option of the board, an elected director and appointed director may serve as co-directors for a given committee.</p>
<p>Sec. 2. Qualification. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless s/he is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Ames.</p>	<p>Sec. 2. Qualification. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless s/he is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Ames.</p>
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<p>Sec. 4. Power and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the National Convention, State Convention, and the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Ames. The Board shall create and designate such special committees, as it may deem necessary.</p>	<p>Sec. 4. Power and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the National Convention, State Convention, and the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Ames. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.</p>

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President(s) may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting of the Board upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Sec. 6. Quorum. Representatives of a majority of the elected board positions shall constitute a quorum. For purposes of quorum, the presence of one of the co-officers or co-directors shall be counted as the position being represented. Each elected officer and director, including co-officers and co-directors, and each appointed director may vote in decisions of the Board.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Ames shall be a President, a Vice President and/or President-Elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President of the League of Women Voters of Ames shall be elected for a one-year or two-year term determined by his/her choice at the time of nomination for President. When the President is elected for a one-year term, a President-Elect shall be elected for a one-year term. When the President is elected for a two-year term, a Vice President shall be elected for the first year and a President-Elect elected for the second year. Two persons, who would be called Co-Presidents, Co-Vice Presidents and/or Co-Presidents-Elect, may fill each of the offices of President, Vice-President and/or President-Elect. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected for terms of two years with the Secretary to be elected in even numbered years and the Treasurer to be elected in odd numbered years. Officers will be elected at the Annual meeting and take office immediately, with the exception of the Treasurer, whose term of office shall be concurrent with the fiscal year.

Sec. 2. Power and Duties. The President shall have such powers of supervision and management as customarily pertain to the office; shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Board, or designate another person to do so; shall be, *ex officio*, a member of all committees except the nominating committee; may sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes in the absence of the Treasurer; shall arrange for an annual audit of the books; and shall perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

The Vice President and President-Elect shall perform such duties as the President and Board shall direct.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the Annual Meeting of the membership and of the Board. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election and shall sign with the President all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other duties as the President and Board shall direct.

The Treasurer shall perform such duties as customarily pertain to the office; shall maintain membership records; and, at the direction of the Board, maintain deposits in authorized financial institutions.

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The President-Elect shall share in the responsibilities of the President and perform other duties as the President and Board shall direct.

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ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Ames shall commence on the first day of July each year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Any change in annual dues shall be determined by the membership at the Annual Meeting in April with the amount to be proposed by the Board and notice sent to the membership at least one month before the meeting. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, their combined dues shall constitute 1½ times that of a single membership. Annual dues shall be payable on the first day of the anniversary month of the member's joining of the League. Members whose dues are not paid within two months of the due date shall be dropped from membership.

Sec. 3. Dues Assistance. The Board may allocate dues assistance. In each case, the dues assistance shall not exceed one-half of the annual dues. The Treasurer, in conjunction with the Membership Chair and the Presidents, if necessary, shall determine the need and amount of assistance in each individual case.

Sec. 4. Per Member Payments (PMP). The League of Women Voters of Ames shall make an annual national PMP in an amount to be determined by the League of Women Voters of the United States, and an annual state PMP in an amount to be determined by the League of Women Voters of Iowa.

Sec. 5. Budget. ~~The Board of Directors shall submit a A~~ budget for the ensuing year ~~shall be submitted by the Board of Directors~~ to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Sec. 6. Budget Committee. ~~The Board of Directors shall appoint a A~~ budget committee ~~shall be appointed by the Board of Directors~~, at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting, to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson of the budget committee but shall be a member of the committee.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year. ~~The Board of Directors shall determine the time and place. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.~~

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held in April, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

- (a) Adopt a local program for the ensuing year;
- (b) Elect officers, directors, and members of the Nominating Committee;
- (c) Adopt a budget; and
- (d) Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Twenty-five percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all membership meetings of the League of Women Voters of Ames.

ARTICLE VIII

Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three-five members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The chairperson and at least one member, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. ~~Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The current Nominating Committee shall make nominations for these offices. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors shall appoint the other members. Any vacancy in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy in the Nominating Committee. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting members. Any voting members may send suggestions for nominations for officers and directors to this Committee.~~

League of Women Voters of Ames
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Ames, IA 50014
Co-Presidents:
Jeanette Bohnenkamp
Selva Lehman
Voter Editor: Julie Snyder-Yuly

Clem selected to receive the Carrie Chapman Catt League of Women Voters Award in 2006

Judy Clem has been selected to receive the Carrie Chapman Catt League of Women Voters Award in 2006. Judy exemplifies a LWV member who "contributed long and outstanding service to the community, who has supported and advanced the ideals of League and who presently resides in Ames."

Judy began her League service as a loyal member of a "unit" in 1968. Each unit met once a month to work on a study or discuss the proposed program. These unit meetings established rapport and initiated vigorous discussions about important community, state-wide or national topics. Judy made sure that little children had care and their mothers could keep brain-cells operating.

It wasn't much later that Judy chaired a study of Story County, known as "Know Your County." This study prepared her for future work and created an interest in the hospitals within Story County.

Judy's involvement in LWV studies included her leadership, along with Carol Patterson, for examination of the Ames depot. As a result of the study, the Ames LWV approved the use of the Ames Depot in 1988. She chaired the study of Story County Hospital and served twice on LWV hospital studies.

Judy's training was in nursing. She cared about patients and their families. She served as a LWV observer at the Mary Greeley Hospital Board of Trustees meetings. Before long, Judy was thinking how much she might contribute to public involvement in area hospitals. She decided to run for election, and she was elected to serve on the MGMC board in 1989. Over her ten years of service on the hospital board, Judy saw the completion of the "state of the art" gastroenterology services department, the construction of the parking ramp, the construction of the west addition, the addition of chaplaincy services-including construction of the Interfaith Chapel, the development of the warm water pool therapy pool, the Israel Family Hospice House, expansion of dialysis services, implementation of First Nurse, and working together with Story County Medical Center.

Judy took her career in nursing to new heights with an understanding of League principles. Please join Judy at the annual meeting to honor her many achievements.

Judy Dolphin and Kim Russel

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