



# The Voter

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## From the Co-Presidents

Dear friends:

It seems that time goes faster than what I realize. Annual Meeting and LWVIA Convention are well past and in spite of my good intentions I have not been able to get materials to Julie to get this early summer VOTER issue out.

At our last Board meeting it was decided not to have a June meeting, since it seems that with many of our members already out of town we would probably not have enough of a quorum to take action on the Living Wage recommendations. We will do that at our first or second program of this fall. We have planned a Board Retreat on July 9, as a way to get acquainted and orient new Board Members and set our activities goals for this coming program year.

We have welcomed to the Board those officers whom you elected at Annual Meeting plus our newly appointed Voter Service Co-Chairs, Mary Richards and Miriam Patterson, who agreed to complete the vacancy left when Ruth Jones moved to Minnesota. We are looking forward to the gifts that they bring to the leadership of our organization. The League needs to have people willing to take leadership roles if we are going to continue to be a voice in this community. I once again would like to ask you that you seriously consider taking a leadership role and to be willing to serve. Contact the nominating committee or one of the officers and offer to fill the vacant position of Co-President Elect.

Meanwhile Jane Greiman and I will work together with the newly elected Co-President, Randy Peters, to do the programming for this coming year.

Following up the vote at Annual Meeting we are forming the study group to review our present position on Story County Hospital and we would like to have more people interested in taking part. Ruth Swenson has agreed to be the convener for the study.

After what turned to be a very busy year for me, I am also planning to take some vacation time in late July and part of August. I will be finishing with some of my involvement in some of my other commitments outside of the League, so I am looking to have a more relaxed time this fall. May this summer will be a time of renewal for all of you

**Selva R. Lehman**

## Mark Your Calendar

### General Meeting

**No General Meetings in June and July**

### Board Retreat

**July 9, 2005 (Saturday)** from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at the home of Selva Lehman 4037 Fletcher Blvd.

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# League Information

## Meet Amanda Wolf

Amanda Wolf is the new Catt Center League of Women Voters student liaison. Amanda, a junior in pre-business, is from Algona, IA. She was a member of the Catt Center's ACT Learning Community and currently serves as the issues chair for the Catt Center's student organization, Catt Associates.



Amanda is active in sports, dancing and drama. In addition to her school work and other activities, Amanda also models. In 2004, she had the opportunity to model in Paris when she and her stylist won a national competition sponsored by Wella.

"Through my experiences at the Catt Center I have had the opportunity to visit the Capitol, meet my local representatives, and meet numerous women leaders. I am really excited about getting involved with the League of Women Voters and learning more about public policy, politics, and community activism," says Amanda.

## Book group meets in August

Members of the Book Group had a great time at our May meeting discussing "Call of the Mall." We also decided on a schedule for next year.

We will meet on the fourth Wednesdays this coming year, at 1:30 pm, except that we will not meet in November and December. We have chosen a new list of exciting books to read. We hope some League members who have not yet come to this group will want to give it a try. We do not want to get so many members that we cannot meet in our homes, but we have several vacancies at the moment since some participants have taken jobs during the day or moved away (Karen Bolluyt and Ruth Jones, for instance—we will miss them terribly).

Our next meeting will be on August 24, 2005, at the home of Jan Beran. We will be discussing "Thurgood Marshal," by Juan Williams. (We put that book in August so that we would have the whole summer to read it.)

To get your name on the mailing list so that you will receive reminders of book group meetings, call or E-mail Frances Smith (292-9295 or fmsmith@iastate.edu) or Mary Jo Brearley (232-1499 or mbrearle\_2000@yahoo.com).

## Officers for 2005-2006

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*Pat Meets Catt: League of Women Voters of Iowa President Pat Jensen has the opportunity to meet Carrie Chapman Catt (portrayed by Jane Cox) following a performance of "The Yellow Rose of Suffrage."*

## Convention Summary

The League of Women Voters of Iowa State Convention gathered on the Iowa State University Campus for the annual meeting on May 13 and 14, 2005. The convention hosted approximately 70 individuals between the Friday and Saturday events.

The Friday afternoon sessions were held on 3rd floor of Catt Hall, home of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics. Four extremely interesting sessions took place: "Openness in Government," and "Advocacy and Lobbying" were held from 2:30-3:45, and "HAVA in Iowa: Where are We?" and "Whither the League" were held from 4:00-5:15. Each session was well attended and provided a great opportunity for discussion and brainstorming activities.

Following the Friday sessions, dinner was held in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of "The Yellow Rose of Suffrage." The one-woman play was written by Iowa State University theatre professor Jane Cox about the life of Carrie Chapman Catt and her involvement in the Suffrage Movement.

The convention officially began Saturday morning with opening remarks by Tahira Hira, Ames League member and Iowa State University Administrator. Dianne Bystrom, director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center, provided the key note address, "American Women and Politics: From Suffrage to Security Moms." Convention business went as scheduled and the convention successfully wrapped up about 3:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon.



*Former State Senator Johnnie Hammond takes the opportunity to reacquaint with old friends and meet new ones prior to the Friday night dinner.*



*Iowa State University's Memorial Union Campanile room proves to be a lovely setting for meals and entertainment.*

*League of Women Voters of Ames President Selva Lehman shares her knowledge and experiences as a member of the league during the "open mic" at the Friday night dinner.*



*League Convention Reunites College friends. Not only is the league convention a great place to meet new friends, it is also a good place to catch up with old friends. Abbi Swanson (left) and Peggy Baum (right) former dorm floor friends reunite 20 years after attending Grinnell College.*

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## Meet a Member

### Jackie Manatt

#### Treasurer

In 1970, when Dick and I spent part of our honeymoon opening the southern California campaign office for John Tunney's run for the U.S. Senate, I knew I had married into a political family and that I had to do something to keep myself informed on this front. So I joined the League!

I soon got involved in several land use studies and, in 1979, was appointed to the Ames Planning and Zoning Commission. Nine years later I was appointed to the Story County Planning and Zoning Commission. In March, I completed a term on the Ames Zoning Board of Adjustment, for a total of 17 years on zoning boards and commissions. Interesting where League studies takes one, isn't it?

I've also been involved in League board activities, including serving as president, vice president, Voter editor, legislative action chair, publicity chair, and, currently, as treasurer. In addition, I was secretary and president of the state League in the mid 1990s.

I have two degrees from Iowa State, taught high school English in Marshalltown a long time ago, and, more recently, managed a minority student program at Iowa State. In between I was a stay-at-home mom and a community volunteer. I've had the best of both worlds!



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