This VOTER contains all the information you will need for this Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMES AND STORY COUNTY

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017
Registration at 8:30 a.m.
Meeting at 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: North Prairie Room, Gateway Hotel, 2100 Green Hills Drive, Ames, IA

Agenda: Presentation of the 2017 Carrie Chapman Catt Award, and the 2017 Make Democracy Work Award, keynote speaker, consideration of committee reports, election of officers and directors, updates. You must be current with your dues in order to vote. Dues are currently $60, $90 for joint membership, $30 for student membership. You may pay by check at the annual meeting.

Cost: $20 for brunch. Includes fruit, scrambled eggs, sausages, potatoes, pastries, coffee or tea, milk and fruit juice. Please plan to pay by check for yourself and any guests.

RSVP by email by Monday, April 10 to secretary@ameslwv.org

This Year’s Challenge:
Bring a guest! Do you know someone who is not a member of League but you think should be? If so, bring that person to the annual meeting as your guest. (You will need to pay for their meal.) Anyone joining at the annual meeting will start membership immediately rather than on July 1, thus giving them two free months of membership.

Please bring a copy of this Voter with you if you want to have any of the information available during the business meeting. There will be an extra copy available at each table.
2017 Annual Meeting
President’s Column

I am delighted to report that the state of the LWV of Ames and Story County is strong. League membership remains steady and our finances are solid. Our 2016-2017 program year has been busy and robust as we work to fulfill the objectives of our mission statement which are to encourage informed active participation in government to increase understanding of major public policy issues and to influences public policy through education and advocacy. The Board of Directors reports in this issue provide details of the various League events and activities held to meet those objectives.

The strength and steadiness of our League is a direct result of the commitment and dedicated work of our members stepping up to volunteer. With each challenge we faced I am grateful for your willingness to lend your time, talent, and energy to volunteer for League. A big Thank You to Leaguers who publicly voiced their opposition to the Bakken Pipeline, participated in the Women’s March, spoke with legislators on Lobby Day, and gave testimony against the recent Voter Id Bill debate. You are true defenders of Democracy!

Another part of our busy year was community engagement. League participation in local events goes a long way in elevating visibility and maintaining creditability within our community. Last August, we participated for the first time in the ISU Welcome Fest. In the October 2016 the League was featured in an Ames Living article titled “Cast Your Ballot”. The article highlighted our voter registration and voter education efforts. In December, the Making Democracy Work Award was publicly announced in the Ames Tribune, on KHOI, and via posters. Letters were also sent to several service organizations to solicit nominations (the award recipient is featured in this issue of the Voter). Our league also participated in the following community events: Ames 4th of July Parade, Ready to Run Program, IRIS Peace Walk, International Women’s Day, MLK Birthday Celebration, and the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. Keep up the good work!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. The past two years have been a wonderful and exciting experience for me. I will cherish my time spent working with you in Making Democracy Work!

In League,
Devita Harden

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The League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County is pleased to honor Devita Harden with its 2017 Carrie Chapman Catt Award.

Devita Harden came to Ames in 2010 after a long and successful career as Quality Assurance Manager for the Coca Cola Company in Little Rock, Arkansas. She moved here to join her daughter and family, to support them as her daughter pursued a doctoral degree at Iowa State University.

Devita joined the League in 2012 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2013 as Publicity co-chair. She became President-elect the following year and has been our President since 2015.

As League President, Devita forged ties between the League and the NAACP. The League first had a presence at the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet in 2013. Our participation has grown to the point that the “League table” has expanded to two.

Other accomplishments during Devita’s time on the Board include continuing to expand League events throughout Story County and ensuring our continued involvement in the Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization (UMRR-ILO). She has also tirelessly supported League efforts such as VOTE411 and voter registration. As one board member said, “She has done her best to display an attitude of serving by example, with class and kindness. She puts the whole of us above the one of her is how I would best classify all that she is to LWV.”

Devita became a member of the Ames Human Relations Commission in 2012 and served on that group until 2015. She has also been involved in the Ames branch of the NAACP since 2012 and was elected Secretary in 2016. She also served as Affirmative Action Officer for the Democratic Party, 4th Congressional District of Iowa, prior to becoming President-Elect of the League. She is also active in her church, serving as the chair of Community Outreach, has been involved in the Back To School Celebration and the We Heart Ames community service project.

In addition to her volunteer work, she has been employed for several years at the Ames Middle School, both in the classroom and in the administration office. She has been a role model to students and to other staff.

Devita holds a bachelors’ degree in Sociology from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and has a special interest in improving our criminal justice system.

Devita will say goodbye to Ames later this year when she moves back to Little Rock, where her family resides. We will miss her role in the League and in so many other community organizations. She has touched so many in a few short years.

We will also miss her friendship, and will remember her fondly. And we are honored to be able to place her name in the Plaza of Heroines.

Carrie Chapman Catt Award Committee:
Edna Clinton and Linda Murken
Membership Report

In the context of an election year, and with many challenging legislative issues requiring attention, the League of Women Voter of Ames and Story County has welcomed 20 new members to our League. We have new members from Gilbert, Story City, and Nevada; which makes our outreach in the county very positive.

The people of Story County want involvement in an organization committed to good government that provides individuals a voice on the many issues confronting our community, and our state and federal government.

In January, Membership Chair, Carolyn Klaus and Co-Chair DeLores Hawkins hosted 31 new and veteran members, and potential members, at a morning meeting dedicated to raising awareness of League activities and opportunities for service. All committee chairs shared their responsibilities and described how members can become active participants in the League of Women Voters for Ames and Story County.

There is a need to keep members involved in our League and this will be the challenge for leadership in the coming year.

Submitted by Carolyn Klaus

Fund Raising Report

The committee created and implemented a countywide nominations process, planned and carried out a visibility campaign, received and reviewed nominations, and recommended an honoree to the board. A subset of the Awards Committee (including previous Catt awardees) followed the established process to honor Devita Harden with the 2017 Carrie Chapman Catt Award. Both awards will be conferred at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Submitted by Sandra McJimsey, Facilitator

Award Committee Report

As approved by members at the 2016 Annual Meeting, the board instituted a new award: Making Democracy Work, with the inaugural honor to be awarded in 2017. The board appointed a committee to implement this: George Belitsos, Nancy Halvorson, and Sandra McJimsey, with President Harden ex-officio; Becky Coats joined the committee to do preliminary publicity.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) recently changed the name of its Finance Committee to the more appropriate and descriptive name of Fundraising Committee.

The 2017 annual fundraising drive was launched in late September 2016 just as our nation was headed into the last stretch of the presidential election year frenzy. In preparation for the November 8th general election, the LWV of Ames and Story County was busy registering voters, preparing for candidate forums, and updating local voter guides such as our new VOTE411 website.

Our overall 2017 fundraising goal was $6,000. The solicitation letter listed six new or expanded 2017 LWV projects in need of donor support. The largest single item was $1,500 for the LWV to expand and promote its voter registration and education activities.

On November 30th, a portion of the sales at Worldly Goods in Ames was designated to the LWV. During a 4 hour sales period, sales exceeded the $1,000 mark for a total of $1,433.75. As a result, Worldly Goods gave the League 20% of the proceeds rather than only 15%. League members both shopped and assisted shoppers. The $286.75 was considered a successful fundraising event.

Submitted by George Belitsos
Meeting Planning Report

The Meeting Planner co-chairs, Sue Koehrsen and Bev Kruempel, met with President Devita Harden, Linda Murken, and Larry Koehrsen to identify the topics of most concern and need for education considering our position statements and our goal of encouraging informed and active participation in government. The following community information sessions were held:

September 15, Dianne Bystrom, Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics “Women and the 2016 Campaign: Voters, Candidates and Issues”

October 20, Amy Moore, Resolve Iowa “No Tolerance for Zero Tolerance: Restorative Justice for Juvenile Offenders”

November 17, Merry Rankin, Sustainability Coordinator ISU/Ames, “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink”

February 16, Lisa Heddens, Central Iowa NAMI, “Mental Health in Iowa—Where are We?”

March 30, Kelly Diekmann, Ames Planning and Housing, “Development Decisions in a Fast Growing Ames”

The first three community information sessions were held in the Dasher Room of Youth and Shelter Services, 420 Kellogg. The February and March sessions were held in the PEO Room of the Ames Public Library. Attendance ranged from 20 to 30, with the Mental Health program drawing the most guests to date.

At the beginning of the 2016-17 program year, we renamed our General Meetings as Community Information Sessions to better convey the public nature of our programming. This works best when we meet at the public library consistently.

Submitted by Sue Koehrsen and Bev Kruempel

Publicity Report

Many folks have pitched in to help with League publicity this year, including Becky Coats, Mary Sand, James Noland, Devita Harden, Cindy Frederickson, Donna Elliot, Vicki Elscott, and myself, as well as others. Thanks to the work of Mary Sand and KHOI volunteers, all the local candidate forums in the fall were aired as a 55-min format on KHOI Community Radio. The League also aired public service announcements on KHOI regarding voter registration, Vote411 and the Make Democracy Work Award.

We have cultivated good relationships with Tribune reporter Austin Harrington, Tribune/Sun events collator Megan Wolff and Nevada Journal reporter Marlys Baker, and through these have gotten good coverage of numerous League events such as satellite voting on campus, MDW, and League forums—as well as advance notice of these events in the newspapers. Photographs of League activities at the Statehouse—including the historic Women’s March in January—are regularly posted on the League’s Facebook page and in blogs; many thanks to those who think to snap these and send them to me, as they present the League at its best and are encouraging to members. E-blasts reminding members of scheduled events have been sent with a concerted effort not to burden member inboxes (if you don’t receive LWV emails, please take a moment to be sure they are not automatically being diverted to your email’s SPAM folder).

The bookmark was widely distributed, unfortunately in two editions as some Wake-ups were cancelled out of respect for legislators’ schedules; this led to some confusion.

Our website, www.ameslwv.org, has been maintained by the faithful efforts of Vicki Elscott. All in all, LWV publicity has been a team effort this year as we have scrambled to catch up with the organization’s robust activities in a very important election year and dramatic legislative session and dealt with vacancies in the Publicity role.

Submitted by Greta Anderson
Judi Hoffman 2017 Making Democracy Work Award Recipient

Judi is a long-time, active member of the Ames community, raising two sons with her husband, David Hoffman, and working both as a professional and as a volunteer to shape a better future for individuals and families in Ames, in our state and worldwide. Judie holds a B.A. from Knox College and an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She worked as a substitute teacher in the Ames schools from 1978 to 1989, served on the Ames City Council from 1988 to 2003 and was Mayor pro tem in 1999-2000. In 1986 Judie became the State Legislative Lobbyist for the League of Women Voters of Iowa and subsequently also took on the roles of Legislative Lobbyist for Ecumenical Ministries of Iowa in 1992, the Red Cross of Iowa in 1995 and the Iowa Reading Association in 1996. Judie retired from these professional roles in 2010. It is notable that Judie chose to represent organizations with missions that reflect her personal values, working tirelessly to influence public policy in ways that support those whose voices are too often silent or underrepresented.

Judie’s volunteer contributions are literally too extensive to explicate concisely. Often in leadership roles, Judie has touched many sectors of our community and has positively influenced many lives. She served as president of the Sawyer Elementary PTO and a member of the Ames Planning and Zoning Commission, Cy-Ride Board of Directors, Ames Economic Development Commission, and Ames Convention and Visitors’ Bureau. Judie is a key member of the Healthiest Ames committee and serves as treasurer. Judie is a very active and dedicated member of Collegiate Presbyterian Church, educating members about key social and environmental issues, and fostering outreach to those in need. Over three decades, Judie served on the Story County Planning and Zoning Commission, the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Committee, and the Empowerment Board. She has served on the League of Women Voters of Iowa Board, the Governor’s Committee on Environmental Agenda, has spoken to many local, regional and state conferences as well as international groups visiting our state. Judie has worked tirelessly to educate others about critical public issues and to empower them to engage in the hard work of shaping our democracy.

Why Judie Hoffman deserves the award
Judi has made truly outstanding contributions to “making democracy work.” She exemplifies the spirit of this award. Judie walks the talk of civic engagement. As an effective and respected state legislative lobbyist for organizations that promote fairness, equality and diversity, Judie has educated policymakers and stakeholders--always advocating for informed decisions that improve quality of life and work for the public good. As an elected official, Judie Hoffman was a good listener who did her homework prior to taking a policy position. As a civic leader, Judie has worked hard to educate and engage others in the policy process, speaking to groups ranging from ISU Extension staff to faith groups to international visitors. Judie is passionate about critical public issues such as the environment, health, education, poverty, and children and youth. She is a role model who inspires the rest of us to continue to make democracy work.
2017 Annual Meeting

Keynote Speaker

Drew Kamp
Director of Story County Community Outreach and Government Relations
Ames Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission

Drew was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska and lived there his entire life prior to moving to Central Iowa in July 2013 upon accepting the position of Director of Story County Community Outreach at the Ames Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission.

He attended Creighton University for his undergraduate studies and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science with an emphasis on Public Policy. He then attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha for his graduate studies in Public Administration focusing on Local Government Management.

Drew has dual roles at the Ames Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission, as he serves as Director of Story County Community Outreach and Director of Government Relations. As Director of Story County Community Outreach, he is responsible for direct engagement of local officials, development groups, businesses, professional organizations, interested and influential members of the community, and school officials in eleven Story County communities, which total around 9,500 in population. In acting in this capacity, Drew assists said municipalities, and the five community school districts serving them, in determining and achieving their economic, community, and business development goals and objectives.

In his role as Director of Government Relations, Drew has four main responsibilities: 1) ensure the President & CEO, Government Affairs Committee, and Chamber Board of Directors receive timely updates of all public policy issues affecting the Ames Chamber of Commerce and its affiliate organizations; 2) develop the annual federal and state legislative priorities for the Ames Chamber of Commerce, in consultation with the President & CEO, Government Affairs Committee, and Chamber Board of Directors, and provide weekly legislative updates throughout the State Legislative Session; 3) organize all Legislative Luncheons, Candidate Forums, Ames Day at the Capitol, Washington, D.C. Legislative Fly-In, Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign, advocacy efforts at the federal, state, and local level, and all other government affairs events and programming; and 4) work with federal, state, county, and local officials to ensure a strong working relationship between them and the Ames Chamber of Commerce.
We started the year by purchasing three Apple I-Pads for use in registering voters for the 2016 election. They were also very useful in checking to see if voters were registered or if they had requested an absentee ballot.

Voter registration began in the spring at League events and at the East and West Hy-Vee grocery stores in May and June for the primary election. Our presence at the stores was a very good reminder that people needed to participate in selection of candidates in the primary. Many people said they thought it was all over after the caucus.

The Kick-off for fall started in August on National Women's Equality Day on Iowa State Campus. We partnered with the Carrie Chapman Catt Center in front of the Catt Center. After that we did voter registration on National Voter Registration Day at three locations on campus and at the Ames Public Library. Secretary of State Paul Pate visited the League registration on Union Drive on Campus. Registration continued at several fraternities and sororities; and at a debate watch held in a student resident hall. The League reached out to area retirement homes for the new residents to obtain absentee ballot requests.

The ISU Student Government partnered with our League in helping to get students to register prior to election-day. We are grateful for all the support they gave the League in promoting registration on campus.

The Story County Auditor Lucy Martin set up voter registration in the Memorial Union for two weeks. Our league members volunteered for those times. The Auditor’s office continued its’ presence at the Memorial Union for two more weeks of early voting. Thanks to League members who signed up to help with these voting service opportunities.

The League registered over 1,800 voters in Story County and the State of Iowa; and over 400 absentee ballot requests were submitted to Story County and to the auditors of other counties throughout the State of Iowa. Voter registration is an opportunity time to educate voters on civic responsibility, and to explain the full array of options when voting.

The Iowa Legislature is enacting major changes in voter registration. The League will meet the challenge to assure voters are registered and vote in Iowa.

Submitted by Carolyn Klaus
County Recreation (1976-77, updated 1986-87)
• Support for acquisition of land to complete the Skunk River Greenbelt between Ames and Story City.
• Support for maintaining the Skunk River Greenbelt for nature study and other recreational activities that are compatible with the ecological balance of the area.

• Support for land use plans for Story County and Ames that include and consider the immediate and long-range economic, social, cultural, recreational and environmental effects of all proposed land use changes.
• Support for public participation at all levels of planning and zoning decision-making, with the objective of controlling growth. Support for flexible, multifaceted programs to protect open space, including zoning, financial incentives, acquisition and landowner education.
• Support for the development of dependable funding sources to ensure the acquisition and management of adequate amounts and types of open space to meet future public needs.
• Support for coordinated long-range land use planning among local agencies.
• Support for adequate funding to ensure strict enforcement of all zoning ordinances as part of comprehensive plans.

Natural Resources
• Support for policies that ensure stewardship of land, water and biological resources. The League supports preserving and ensuring sustainable use of prime agricultural land, greenbelts, high quality natural areas, environmentally sensitive areas and recreational open space.
• Support for ordinances that provide installation, monitoring and abandonment procedures for underground storage tanks.
• Support for comprehensive natural resource inventories and support for requiring the consideration of inventory data in land use decisions.

Development
• Support for county and municipal policies promoting compact development patterns that are energy efficient and environmentally, socially and fiscally sustainable.
• Support for policies that emphasize the use and restoration of existing infrastructure and appropriate use of vacant land within developed areas.
• Support for action to encourage active use of concentrated commercial areas (such as downtown Ames and Campustown).
• Support for policies that include open space among infrastructure requirements for new development.
• Support for a municipally owned electric facility for the city of Ames.
• Support interconnection of power systems including possible expansion of the use of regional power pools; buying and selling of power; emphasis on the use of renewable resources (i.e., the utilization of refuse-derived fuel from the Solid Waste Recovery System and by-product steam for heating purposes, and wind generated power).
• Support a continued high level of reliable service; direct citizen access to the decision making process; a system of financial reporting that is accurate, accessible and understandable.
• Support an electric utility that is part of the total energy-planning picture. This planning must consider the economic consequences to the community. Continued priority should be given to conservation efforts, including use of energy audits and exploration of load management techniques.

Youth
• Support for participation of youth in decision making on public policies concerning leisure activities for youth.
• Support for additional facilities for both structured and non-structured public recreational activities for youth.
Low Income Subsidies
• Support for the continued development and implementation of public subsidies for low-income persons for leisure activities in Ames.

Affordable Housing (1992, amended 2012)
• Support the city of Ames' housing goal to "provide a wide variety of housing types and locations to serve the residential needs of the present and future populations" (from Ames Land Use Policy Plan). To accomplish this goal we must create and maintain an adequate supply of sound affordable housing for the very low, low, and moderate income individuals and families in our community by:
  • Supporting programs to maintain and expand home ownership opportunities.
  • Creating new affordable housing units in both the city and university community (both rental and owner-occupied).
  • Conserving and maintaining existing housing stock.
  • Exploring planning for affordable and accessible housing in all neighborhoods and communities.
  • Supporting public/private partnerships to expand housing opportunities
  • Exploring planning for affordable and accessible housing in all neighborhoods and communities.
• Supporting public/private partnerships to expand housing opportunities.
• Using a variety of financing approaches to help families secure adequate housing.
• Supporting programs that mitigate the risks of foreclosure.

Children at Risk of Abuse from their Caregivers (1994, amended 2004)
• Support for private and public comprehensive prevention programs such as good prenatal care, parenting programs and classes for caregivers. The League supports protection, treatment and on-going therapy for the abused.
• Support for increased emphasis on education and rehabilitation for abusers (in and out of prison).
• Support for enforcement of laws that require responsible reporting of child abuse.
(Note: Caregivers includes parents, step-parents, foster parents and guardians)

Story County Hospital (1997, amended 2004, affirmed by Board 2006)
• Support for providing citizens of Story County with information about the services, usage and financial status of Story County Hospital and Long Term Care Facility.
• Support for retention of the long-term care and ambulance services.
• Support for discontinuing acute care (inpatient) services.
• Support for alternative services to meet health and other social services needs of Story County residents.

• Encourages providers of transportation in Story County to collaborate in designing a comprehensive, cost-effective, environmentally-friendly, and energy-efficient plan to meet the transportation needs of Story County;
• Encourages ASSET to survey member agencies that provide transportation to their clients to explore sharing of services or developing contractual arrangements with public transit agencies;
• Encourages non-profit organizations to contract with public transit agencies or other transportation providers as an alternative to operating their own vehicles;
• Encourages agencies to seek efficiencies through shared services such as centralized vehicle maintenance and driver training;
• Supports increased federal/state/local funding for public transit or, at a minimum, full funding of public transit through the existing state "use tax" formula;
• Supports expanded efforts to mitigate cost of public transportation for low-income people;
• Supports existing efforts by Wheels to Work to enable welfare recipients to become car owners; and
• Encourages expansion of opportunities for low-income families to become car owners through the development of additional car ownership programs that include elements found to support successful programs in other communities.

Living Wages (September 2005, amended April 2007)
• Supports adequate income to enable working people to cover basic needs and to live with dignity and a sense of self-worth.
• Affirms the principle of equal pay for equal work.
• Supports the City of Ames and Story County adopting a Living Wage ordinance requiring a livable wage be paid:
to all full- and part-time city and county employees
by firms whose contracts exceed $15,000 for any 12-month period
by firms that receive economic development money/incentives from the city or county

Recreation Needs, Programs, And Facilities For Seniors In Story County (2011)
• Supports programs that educate about the importance of exercise and an active life style in promoting well being and good health for Story County seniors.
• Supports adequate facilities for wellness/exercise activities including, but not limited to, indoor walking, warm water exercise, ballroom dancing, yoga and tai chi.
• Supports public/private cooperation in providing recreation facilities and programs for Story County seniors.
• Supports exploration of ways to subsidize fees for prescribed exercise/wellness programs for seniors in Story County for whom expense is an obstacle.
The Observer Corps is a classic, fundamental function of the League of Women Voters. Simply stated, it is a group of League members who are dedicated to improving local government boards and commissions by observing and reporting what happens at their meetings. The observer is to be conspicuous at the meeting, sitting in the front row of attendees, wearing the League badge, and taking notes for a report of the proceedings. The observer prepares a report that is published electronically on the website of the League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County.

During the period from April 2016 through March of 2017, the Observer Corps published 68 meeting reports.

The members of the Observer Corps, and the governmental bodies that they observed, are as follows:

- Carolyn McCall - Mary Greeley Medical Center Board of Trustees
- Barbara Munson - Ames Planning & Zoning Commission
- Jeanette Bohnenkamp - Ames Planning & Zoning Commission
- Carol Brannon - Ames Public Library
- Rebecca Hoeppner - Ames Community School Board
- Miriam Patterson - Ames City Council
- Fran Mauldin - Ames Human Relations Commission
- John Klaus - Story County Board of Supervisors and Ames City Council

All the reports are accessible to the League members on the League website. The number of meetings observed and reported on is small relative to the total number of city, county, and school board meetings occurring in Story County that could have been observed and reported. Many more observers are needed. If you are willing to join the Corps, please contact the Corp Coordinator, John Klaus.

Submitted by John Klaus
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMES AND STORY COUNTY**  
Proposed 2017–18 Budget

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**Educational Activities****

| Publication/Political Directory | 50.00  | 0.00  | 150.00 | 200.00 |
| Study Groups                 | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 25.00  |
| Observer Corps               | 50.00  | 0.00  | 50.00  | 50.00  |
| VOTE 411 (printing, supplies) | 600.00 | 264.87| 275.00 | 300.00 |
| Voter Service†               | 900.00 | 803.34| 825.00 | 1,100.00|
| Ready to Run Workshop        | 400.00 | 400.00| 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Local LWV Meetings           | 150.00 | 0.00  | 25.00  | 150.00 |

**Position Support**

| Position Support | 100.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 | 100.00 |
| Legislative Forums | 100.00 | 0.00  | 100.00 | 100.00 |

**Other**

| Dinners/Annual Meeting | 2,100.00 | 990.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Membership Support     | 100.00   | 0.00   | 0.00     | 100.00   |
| Awards                 | 600.00   | 16.06  | 300.00   | 325.00   |

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF Ames EDUCATION FUND**

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**INCOME**

| Member/Nonmember | 2,500.00 | 2,040.00 | 2,100.00 | 2,500.00 |
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**EXPENSES**

| National PMP (pd directly to National) | 1,744.00 | 1,768.00 | 1,768.00 | 1,816.00 |
| State PMP (pd directly to State Ed Fund) | 681.25 | 690.62 | 690.62 | 709.37 |
| Educational Activities Expenses | 2,150.00 | 1,970.82 | 2,150.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Web Page | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| VOTE 411 Annual Fee | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Scholarships/Memorials | 5,100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,100.00 |

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**TOTAL RESOURCES (Operating & Ed Fund)**

|                      | 7,194.01 | 16,757.81 | 17,300.97 | 9,179.57 |
Budget Notes:

*Dues income is calculate based on current rates of $60 per regular members, $90 for household, $30 for students.

*PMP based on current rates of $32 for National, $25 for State for regular members; ½ for 2nd in household and ½ for students.

*LWVIA Council in 2018; LWVUS convention in 2018 – Chicago.

**Expenditures may qualify for Education Fund reimbursement if for educational purposes; Board considers these case by case.

***50% of fund for this expenditure may be requested from the LWV Education Fund.

****100% of funding for this category of expenditures may be requested from the LWV Education Fund.

^Proposed increase for 2017-18 includes purchase of sound equipment for Voter Service forums.
Report from the Nominating Committee

The **bold italics** positions below are up for election the 2017 Board. The 2018 next to positions indicates those individuals serving the second year of their term. An asterisk indicates the person is being nominated for a one-year term. Nominations for vacant positions can be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting with the consent of the nominee.

Respectfully submitted,
Edna Y. Clinton
Miriam Patterson
Carolyn Klaus

2017 Slate

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Voter Service coordinates the State of the Community (SOTC) event and the candidate forums, sees to the hanging of the “Make Democracy Happen” banner across main street prior to elections, and updates the political directory. The banner hanging is co-sponsored with the Ames Chamber of Commerce and is made possible with assistance from First Class Signs, Nelson Electric, and the City of Ames.

The 2017 SOTC, co-sponsored with the Ames Chamber of Commerce, was held at noon on January 20, 2017 at the Ames Community School District (ACSD) Office on 24th Street. The venue and lunchtime scheduling of this year’s SOTC were changed from the usual evening event as a way to boost interest and attendance. Credit for this highly successful change goes to Drew Kamp, Community Outreach and Government Relations Director at the Chamber, and Devita Harden, president of the League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County. Over 90 folks came for a free lunch catered by Hickory Park Restaurant and to listen and engage with the panelists: Luke Deardorff, president of the ACSD Board of Directors; Ames Mayor Ann Campbell; Sarah Buck, Mary Greeley Medical Center Board of Trustees; Rick Sanders, Story County Board of Supervisors, Kate Gregory, Senior Vice President of University Services at Iowa State, and Rob Denson, president of Des Moines Area Community College. Panelists described accomplishments and challenges over the past year and presented future plans. A similar format for the 2018 SOTC event will likely be considered based on the positive comments received from panelists and audience members.

Candidate forums. Five candidate forums were held in 3 different cities in Story County per our commitment to expanding outreach. A sixth forum for Senate District 24 candidates, Jerry Behn (R, incumbent) and Keith Puntenney (D), scheduled for October 24, 2016 was cancelled due to only one candidate able to attend.

- House District 45 candidate forum, September 29, 2016, in the Ames City Hall. Candidates: Beth Wessel-Kroeschell (D, incumbent), Sondra Childs-Smith (R), and Eric Cooper (L). Moderator: Carol Alexander-Phillips.
- Story County Board of Supervisors candidate forum, October 04, 2016, in the Ames Public Library. Candidates: Martin Chitty (R, incumbent), Linda Murken (D), Scott Schaben (R), Lauris Olson (D), and Wayne Clinton (no party). Moderator: Devita Harden.
- House District 48 candidate forum, October 18, 2016, in the Gilbert Community Room in the fire station building across from Gilbert High School. Candidates: Rob Bacon (R, incumbent) and Sherrie Taha (D). Moderator: Greta Anderson.
- House District 49 candidate forum, October 21, 2016, in the Nevada Senior Center. Candidates: Dave Deyoe (R, incumbent), Mickie Franklin (D), John Evans (L), and Mike Knox (no party). Moderator: Becky Coats.

Special thanks to League members who moderated forums and helped with setup and cleanup. Also, special thanks to KHOI for their expert help with the sound. Lastly, we greatly appreciate the reporters who were ever present helping us get the word out. We look forward to the upcoming 2017 races for school board and city offices.

Submitted by Mary Sands
Legislative “Wake-Up” Forums

The LWV of Ames and Story County scheduled five (5) Legislative Wake-Ups this year. In keeping with name change to League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County, we held two Wake-Ups in Nevada, in the City Hall Council Chambers and one in Gilbert, in the Community Center. We believe this is only the second time the League has held a Legislative Wake-Up forum outside of Ames. The assistance we received from the City of Nevada and the City of Gilbert and the response to the Wake-Ups were outstanding, pulling in an audience of early 90 people.

The following Legislators attended some or all of the Wake-Ups: Senator Herman Quirmbach and Representatives Dave Deyoe, Lisa Heddens and Beth Wessel-Kroeschell. We had to drop two of the Ames Wake-Ups because the expectation that our legislators would be free every other Saturday morning was too high.

Final Wake-Up dates are/were:
January 14 in Ames – co-sponsor: Youth and Shelter Services, Achieving Maximum Potential
January 28th in Nevada
February 11th in Gilbert
March 25th in Nevada
April 8th in Ames – co-sponsor: TBD

Both Ames Wake-Ups are/were also available to an at-home audience through City of Ames streaming and broadcasting. Some of the major topics of discussion were the foster care system, privatization of Iowa’s Medicaid program, education funding, mental health services, water quality, sentencing reform, voting rights, on-line voter registration, gun laws and tax changes.

Thank you to our co-sponsors for providing refreshments, sharing with us information about their agency or organization, and for starting the forums with the first question. Thank you to the staff of the cities of Ames, Nevada and Gilbert for their assistance in scheduling and using their council chambers/Community Center for these events, and to the City of Ames Channel 12 staff for taping and broadcasting the Ames Wake-Ups. And thank you to all the League members who assisted and all who attended the forums.

Our collective efforts help Make Democracy Work!

2017 League Capitol Day

On February 22, Ames & Story County League members Cheryl Binzen, Barb Cobb, Carolyn Klaus, Sue Koehrsen, Linda Murken and Mary Richards joined League members from around the state for LWVIA Lobby Day at the Iowa Capitol building in Des Moines.

Amy Campbell, our LWV of Iowa Lobbyist, arranged for two presentations: 1) Defunding Planned Parenthood/State-Only Family Planning Program (SF2), that passed the Senate on 2/2/17 and 2) Jeff Danielson on Voter ID/Integrity (HF516/SF474) that passed the house on 3/3/17. To follow these bills and more, go to the Bill tracker at http://www.ialobby.com/billtracker/. To learn more about the League of Women Voters’ policy positions and their respective priorities, go to https://www.lwvia.org/legislative-priorities#!