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

Date: Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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Location: North Prairie Room, ***Gateway Hotel***

Agenda: Presentation of the 2016 Carrie Chapman Catt Award, consideration of committee reports, election of officers and directors, updates. (See President's column on p. 2 for details). 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 20** to secretary@ameslww.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. (We will have one extra copy per table.)

**2016 Annual Meeting
President’s Column**

On Saturday, April 30th we will come together to celebrate another year of our League’s service to the community while enjoying the fellowship the League of Women Voters provides to each of us as members. In compliance with League bylaws, there will be League business to discuss. It is my sincere hope that each of you will attend this year’s annual meeting to celebrate and honor the League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County.

PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL STUDY:

Of the three Rs – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle – we in the United States have placed most of our emphasis on the third. Yet we know that there is little opportunity to actually recycle some of the products that are gathered. Also, Story County has seen a reduction in the opportunities to collect many of these materials. See page 7 for details regarding this study.

Speaker: Dr. Deborah Turner, Co-President of the LWV of Iowa, will be our keynote speaker.

The recipient of the 2016 Carrie Chapman Catt Award is Linda Murken. See article on page 3.

The year in review: This issue of the VOTER includes Annual Reports from members of the Board of Directors. This year’s Board has done an excellent job of meeting the challenge they have faced as new board members. Please take the time to review their reports and thank them for their continued work and support for the League throughout the year. The LWV of

Ames and Story County broadened its scope of activity during the last year by: Presenting two resolutions to the Story County Board of Supervisors in opposition of the Bakken Pipeline, holding two Legislative Wake-Ups in Nevada, participating in the third annual International Women’s Day, holding Voter Registration events at the Downtown and North Grand Mall Farmer’s Market, and participating in the first annual meeting of the Upper Mississippi River Region ILO. I want to thank each of you for allowing me the extraordinary opportunity to serve as your President. I look forward to another exciting year of working together as we inform, educate, and engage the citizens of Ames and Story County.

—Devita Harden

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Linda Murken 2016 Carrie Chapman Catt Award Recipient



The League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County is pleased to honor Linda Murken with its 2016 Carrie Chapman Catt Award. Linda began her career in

the State of Iowa corrections field in 1973. The first woman parole officer in Iowa to supervise male clients, in 1976 she was soon appointed the first executive director of the Second Judicial District Department of Community Based Corrections. Linda was the only woman director, and remained the only one, until a few years before her retirement in 2010. As director she was instrumental in the development of treatment programs for domestic abusers and for sex offenders. Her goal was always to keep offenders out of prison and in the community where available services were much more likely than a prison sentence to promote and effect reform. Highly regarded by her peers, in 2010 Linda received the Iowa Corrections Association's Larry Brimeyer Exceptional Leadership Development Award.

When Linda retired, she quickly became actively involved in the League of Women Voters of Ames and with the League of Women Voters of Iowa Justice Committee, which works on justice issues at the Capitol. She combines her professional knowledge with her passion for League justice positions to advocate

for restoring rights to those who successfully complete their sentences in the corrections system. In 2012 Linda took office as president-elect on the board of directors of the Ames League. Becoming president in 2014, she mentored new board members, increased League visibility in the community through new voter service projects, worked to improve our website and encouraged electronic communications, and moved the Ames League toward becoming a countywide organization. Then in 2015, serving on the Ames board as past president, she spearheaded VOTE 411, a web-based, know-the-candidates project that serves the general public. Today, Linda serves not only on the Ames board as the legislative action co-chair, but also on the League of Women Voters of Iowa board. At the state level, she represents the League on the steering committee of the Bakken Pipeline Resistance Coalition. As one of her nominators said, "Linda is amazing in her commitment to League and her willingness to go 'above and beyond' in a way not often seen in a volunteer."

Linda's contributions to the community are many. She has served on the Gilbert Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services Board, the Board of ACCESS, and as a board member of ACLU of Iowa. She is a member of NAMI and volunteered at the ACCESS shelter for victims of domestic violence. Just recently she was appointed to the Story County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Carrie Chapman Catt Award Committee:

Judie Hoffman,
Bev Kruempel,
Mary Richards

Membership Report

The League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County has welcomed 19 new or returning members this past year. The energy of the new members will help with the many priorities of our league. We had a morning workshop in December to inform new members and potential members of the opportunities of the committees for involvement – voter registration, observer corps, legislative action, voter services, etc. 2016 is a Presidential election year and we need all our members to help with our election activities. If you know of people in our community who are wanting to find positive ways to inform our community about the election and encourage all Americans to vote by assuring they are registered, please send the Membership Committee their name and we will send get the necessary information mailed to them. We enjoy welcoming new members to our League and we all need to do our part for our League to grow and to thrive.

--Carolyn Klaus & Barb Brodie

Finance Report

The 2016 annual finance drive has a goal of \$6,000. That goal is based on specific needs stated in the donor solicitation letter. On September 22, 2015, four hundred letters were mailed to selected members of Ames service clubs. Also, in a departure from past practice, the letter was sent to members of the LWV of Ames & Story County. As of March 1, 2016, the total of donations received is \$5,954.85. Since it is likely that additional donations will be received at the Annual Meeting on April, 30, it can be said that the funding goal for the fiscal year ending June, 30 has been met.

The goal was met largely through the supportive generosity of our members. A gift of \$1,000.00 was received from the Alben & Clara Bates foundation, \$234.85 was realized through the Worldly Goods event, and \$627 came from gifts of non-members. The gifts of our members totaled \$5,093.00! Member gifts ranged from \$25 to \$250. Clearly, those who join the League are committed to supporting the work of the League.

- George Belitsos and John Klaus

Meeting Planning Report

Each program year the LWV of Ames and Story County schedules five General Meetings plus a planning session in January, the Annual Meeting in April and a Wrap-up of the Iowa Legislative session in May, schedule permitting. This year we focused on local topics. And because this was the first year our name included "Story County" the September meeting concentrated on our county's long range planning process and some likely outcomes. Our presenters were Deb Schildroth and Leanne Harter, both staff leaders in Story County government.

In October we heard from ISU student government president and the president of Ames Young Professionals on the topic Young Adult World View, an opportunity for insight to a population not well represented in the League. Welcome to the New Campustown was the theme of our November meeting. We were anxious to include an economic development program this year and given the major redevelopment of this area, League members responded enthusiastically to an overview from representatives of the business community and the university. Water Quality was our topic in February 2016. In keeping with our local focus we concentrated on the Squaw Creek Watershed study and its implementation. Presenters were Hanna Bates and Annie Glawe, staff members from Prairie Rivers of Iowa.

Our March General Meeting was an Update and Dialogue on LWV Victim Services Study. This program was a presentation on what happens to a victim of domestic abuse as they make the move from an unsafe situation. Speakers included Elijah Hansen of the Ames Police Department, Eman Mahgoub of ACCESS, and Tiffany Meredith, a prosecutor in the Story County Attorney's Office.

All General Meetings are now held at the Ames Public Library and are always open to the public. Attendance ranges from 20 to 40 participants. Having two of us in the Meeting Planner role was critical in developing program ideas and in maintaining continuity as we handed programs back and forth.

-Sue Koehrsen and Bev Kruempel,

Publicity Report

The League encouraged public participation at all of its public events held during 2015-2016. Public service announcements for 6 General Meetings, 3 Candidate Forums (2 for School Board Candidates and 1 for Ames City Council Offices), the State of the Community and 6 Saturday morning Legislative Wake-ups (2 held in Nevada) were: posted on the LWV webpage, LWV Facebook page and Ames People Facebook page; emailed to Ames Bulletin Board, Ames Tribune, Iowa State Daily, Nevada Journal, Story City Herald, KASI, Iowa Public Radio, ISU College Democrats, ISU Republicans, League of Conservation Voters, ISU Wake Up, Ames Chamber of Commerce, Story County Democrats, Story County Republicans, Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women & Politics Newsletter, Young Americans for Freedom, Ames Living Magazine, Ames City Access TV, and Story County Sun; e-blasted to league members, and announced on KHOI & on KASI's Breakfast Club. Special League events such as the Worldy Goods Fundraiser, League Planning session, & Annual Meeting were e-blasted to members & posted on the League's website and Facebook page. Save the Date postcards were created and mailed to League members for the Annual Meeting. League pamphlets and bookmarks were handed out at all events. Articles on important issues, such as the Bakken Pipeline, Vote411, Candidate & Legislative Forums and Women's Equality Day sent by League members were published in the Ames Tribune, the ISU Daily & the Story County Sun.

-Becky Coats

Our VOTE411.org Voter Guide: A Success Story

In February of 2015 the Ames and Story County League purchased the right to use the LWVUS' voter guide, known as VOTE411.org, to provide info to voters for the 2015 local elections (City Council as well as the Ames and Gilbert School Board elections).

The process involved in creating the 2015 election Voter Guide for local elections took approximately 7 months (March-Sept). Tasks included creating candidate correspondence, questions on issues of local concern, adding race and candidate information to the computer platform and a PR campaign to let voters know about VOTE411.org. Our strategy of starting early and managing tasks by spreading them out a period of several months was beneficial for this first-time effort.

Data following these elections indicated that voter turnout was higher than the previous local election cycle. The VOTE411.org website analytics showed solid utilization by voters.

We hoped that the 2015 Voter Guide assisted in educating the voter and was, in part, responsible for the increased voter turnout. We are pleased that increased voter turnout and the average online time by our Voter Guide users indicated that VOTE411.org had a positive impact on the 2015 local elections.

The VOTE411 team is currently creating our 2016 Voter Guide for use in the June primary election and the November general election.

We encourage you to explore VOTE411.org in advance of the upcoming elections. We hope you see the value of this voter guide and would be willing to introduce your friends and neighbors to this website.

Your VOTE411 Team: Donna Elliott, Cindy Frederickson, Linda Murken

LWV-Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization

Erv Klass and Judie Hoffman were appointed by the Board of Directors to represent the LWV of Ames & Story County.

The First Annual Meeting of the LWV-Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization was held on **October 24, 2015**, at the Dubuque Convention Center. President Devita Harden and Past President Linda Murken attended the meeting. The League of Women Voters of Iowa is excited to join with **leagues in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois** to form the Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization (UMRR-ILO) to work on river/water quality issues that impact all four states. The First Annual Meeting of the LWV-Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization was held on **October 24, 2015**, at the Dubuque Convention Center.

The Goals of the multi-state collaboration on LWV's natural resource issues include:

- Developing educational programming to be shared among the ILO's leagues to increase the public's understanding of the natural resource issues in the region.
- Coordinating advocacy efforts across state lines and in numerous congressional districts to better promote the collective interests of the region before Congress and the federal agencies.
- Monitoring local, state, regional, and federal proposals that affect the interests of the region and then distributing that information and making recommendations to the appropriate state or local LWVs for action

PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL STUDY: WASTE REDUCTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT IN STORY COUNTY

By Linda Murken, Sandra McJimsey and Kate Gregory

The following proposal, generated at this year's Program Planning meeting, is being forwarded by the Board of Directors for consideration by the membership at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County.

Study Topic: Waste Reduction and Waste Management in Story County

Of the three Rs – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle – we in the United States have placed most of our emphasis on the third. Yet we know that there is little opportunity to actually recycle some of the products that are gathered. Also, Story County has seen a reduction in the opportunities to collect many of these materials.

Questions that could be considered in a study of this issue:

Are there potential opportunities to reduce waste generated? If so, would prohibiting some items make a significant difference in overall waste? What would be required in order to prohibit (or restrict/dis-incentivize) use of such items?

What would it take to encourage the community to reuse materials?

What would it take to encourage/enable either the government or a private entity to offer recycling services for some waste streams (and what materials are most likely to be actually recycled)?

Background/Rationale for Study:

In 1972–73 the League of Women Voters of Ames took part in a LWVUS study and consensus that focused on solid waste management, including reuse, reclamation, and recycling. Concurrently, and related to this study, in 1973 our local League adopted a local position in support of “a system of solid waste disposal which burns wastes and recovers the heat generated for producing electricity.” Subsequently, we advocated for the creation of Ames’ Solid Waste Recovery Center, which was built in 1975 and for years has had the dual benefit of keeping solid waste from going into landfills and of providing refuse-derived fuel for our municipal electric plant.

Included in our local 1973 position statement was support for recycling that would be compatible with and complementary to the use of solid wastes for fuel. Metals and glass that cannot be burned were explicitly specified for recycling. Advocacy urged the City of Ames to take responsibility for establishing recycling programs, instituting regulations, and setting up collection centers to enable the public to recycle conveniently.

Since these early efforts, our League has actively supported a variety of related efforts at the local, state, and national levels. Locally, studies and advocacy regarding, for example, our municipal electric utility, have reaffirmed the benefits of the refuse-derived fuel. For a number of years, particularly at the state level, the League worked for initial passage of the bottle bill in 1978 and since then has continued to work to strengthen the regulations and to defeat any and all efforts to weaken or abolish the regulations. As part of this advocacy, our local league has urged Ames grocery stores to support the redemption of bottles and cans.

Federally, in the 1991–94 battle over reauthorization of the RCRA [the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976], LWVUS pushed for mandatory recycling measures including minimum recycled-content

standards, a national bottle bill, and a pause in the construction of municipal incinerators. The League urged the Administration to issue executive orders to promote recycling. In 1992 the LWVEF published *Recycling Is More Than Collections*, a grassroots investigation of recycling conducted by League volunteers across the county. The LWVEF continued its educational work with publication of *The Garbage Primer* and *The Plastic Waste Primer* in 1993 and with citizen training programs.

Despite this long history of education and effective advocacy, the problems caused locally and globally regarding waste have not gone away; in fact, they have worsened. Over-consumption of manufactured goods, food waste, and reliance on the convenience of single use disposable items contribute to the dwindling of our planet's resources. The League has led on this issue before, and we need to do so again.

POSITIONS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMES 2016

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.

Land Use (1976-77, amended 1981, 1985, 1998 & 2004-amended)

- 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.

Electric Utility (1981, updated 1988, amended 2004)

- 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.

Leisure and Recreation (1988, updated 1994, amended 2004)

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
- 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.

Transportation Needs in Story County (2004)

- 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, and
 - Supports exploration of ways to subsidize fees for prescribed exercise/wellness programs for seniors in Story County for whom expense is an obstacle.
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UPDATE ON VOTER REGISTRATION

On January 1, 2016, the Secretary of State activated on-line voter registration for all Iowans who have an Iowa Driver's License or a state-issued non-operation ID. We are in the process of purchasing three Apple I-PADs to use for voter registration. There is a Secretary of State APP for computers and the Ames/Story County League will be ready to register those voters. At this time we are forming a committee to work on training and developing a calendar for voter registration. If this is a project you would like to be a part of, contact Carolyn Klaus at candjklaus@aol.com or 515-231-0857

Observer Corps Report

Nine members of the Ames League of Women Voters attended meetings of boards and commissions of the City of Ames, Story County Supervisors and the Ames School Board this year. Their reports kept the Ames LWV Board informed as to matters of importance and interest to the Ames League. Observer reports promote transparency and accountability within a democratic government and may lead to local League study and action. Observers develop also an appreciation of the time and talents expended by the members of local boards and commissions, identify the benefits given by all of these members to the community and county and also gain a greater involvement with and a wider knowledge of local and county government. By their presence, Observer Corps members demonstrate to all Boards and Commissions that the Ames LWV is very interested in the actions of local and county governmental bodies. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for this vital activity.

The following members served as Observers this last year:

Nancy Marks - Ames City Council and Corps Coordinator

Jane Haahr - Parks and Recreations Commission

Jeannette Bohnenkamp - Planning and Zoning Commission

Rebecca Hoepfner - Ames Community School Board

Carolyn McCall - Mary Greeley Medical Center Board

Barb Munson - Planning and Zoning Commission

Miriam Patterson - Substitute for Planning and Zoning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission

Michael Coveyou - Substitute - Ames City Council

John Klaus - Substitute - Ames City Council - New Coordinator for next two years

Greta Anderson - New for this next year to cover the Story County Board of Supervisors

Karen Thompson, Executive Secretary of the Ames Public Library Board sent very faithfully each month an agenda and events report to me and deserves thanks.

-Nancy Marks, Coordinator for the Corps

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMES
Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2015
FOR FY2014-15

	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual at June 30, 2015
OPERATING FUNDS		
Beginning Balance (checking and CD)	2,315.87	\$2,816.24
INCOME		
Dues	6,330.00	\$7,345.00
<i>Contributions</i>		
Member	500.00	1,304.00
Nonmember	150.00	1,012.22
Subtotal	650.00	2,316.22
<i>Other</i>		
Interest (checking and CD)	10.00	1.72
Ed Fund PMP Transfer In	659.38	0.00
Ed Fund Educational Expenditures	1,510.00	645.50
Dinners/Misc/CD Redemption	1,700.00	2,120.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,859.38	\$12,428.44
EXPENSES		
<i>Board and Administration</i>		
President	100.00	100.00
Treasurer	100.00	54.35
Admin Support/Misc	200.00	30.08
<i>Administrative Committees</i>		
Finance	200.00	196.87
Membership	200.00	231.57
Publicity**	100.00	114.88
<i>Delegates & Travel</i>		
State Convention/Council	300.00	776.32
National Convention	1,000.00	0.00
Regional Workshops	100.00	130.00
Other Meetings	50.00	0.00
<i>Financial Support for the League</i>		
National PMP		
Local Account	1,635.25	1,635.25
EF Account (pd directly to National)		
State PMP		
Local Account	1,978.12	1,978.12
EF Account (transferred in)	659.38	659.38
<i>Bulletins</i>		
VOTER	100.00	115.03
Membership Directory	0.00	0.00
Web Page	300.00	326.34
<i>Educational Activities***</i>		
Publications-Political Directory	50.00	104.33
Study Groups	0.00	0.00
Observer Corps	50.00	0.00

Voter Service	200.00	122.86
Legislative Forums	50.00	0.00
Ready to Run Workshop	400.00	800.00
Local LWV Meetings	760.00	352.68
Position Support	100.00	0.00
Other		
Dinners/Annual Meeting	1,700.00	1,865.86
Membership Support	0.00	0.00
Awards	150.00	0.00
PAVP Expenses (Restricted Grant)	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,482.75	\$9,593.92
Net Income/(Reduction of Reserves)	\$376.63	\$2,834.52
ENDING BALANCE	\$2,692.50	\$5,650.76

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMES
EDUCATION FUND**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$9,208.37	\$11,796.37
INCOME		
Member/Nonmember	4,000.00	2,490.00
Transfer In from Checking Account	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,000.00	\$2,490.00
EXPENSES		
National PMP (pd directly to National)	1,635.25	1,635.25
State PMP (pd directly to State Ed Fun	659.38	659.38
Educational Activites Expenses	1,510.00	0.00
Membership Directory	0.00	0.00
Web Page	0.00	0.00
Voter Service	0.00	400.00
Scholarships/Memorials	5,100.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,904.63	\$2,694.63
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,303.74	\$11,591.74
TOTAL RESOURCES	6,996.24	17,242.50

PMP Calculation based on current rates of \$31 for National, \$25 for State for regular members; 1/2 for 2nd in household and student
Dues are calculated based on current rates of \$80 per regular member, \$90 for household, \$30 for students
National PMP raises to \$32 for 2015-16.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMES
Worksheet for Proposed 2016-17 Budget

	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Actual at February 29, 2016	2015-16 Re-Estimate for June 30, 2016	2016-17 Proposed Budget
OPERATING FUNDS				
Beginning Balance (checking; CD, if owned)	5,307.55	\$5,650.76	\$5,650.76	7,174.40
INCOME				
Dues	6,090.00	\$4,050.00	6,250.00	6,540.00
<i>Contributions</i>				
Member	600.00	3,060.08	3,260.08	3,000.00
Nonmember	600.00	824.85	824.85	500.00
Subtotal	1,200.00	3,884.93	4,084.93	3,500.00
<i>Other</i>				
Interest (checking and CD)	3.00	2.64	4.00	4.00
LWVEF Reimb for 1/4 LWVIA PMP	634.38	1,293.76	1,293.76	681.25
LWVEF Reimb. For Educational Exp.	1,250.00	0.00	2,230.00	2,150.00
LWVEF Reimb. for Web Exp.			150.00	150.00
Dinners/Misc/CD Redemption	2,600.00	715.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,777.38	\$9,946.33	\$15,962.69	\$15,125.25
EXPENSES				
<i>Board and Administration</i>				
President	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Treasurer	100.00	202.35	202.35	100.00
Admin Support/Misc	150.00	93.14	100.00	2,500.00
<i>Administrative Committees</i>				
Finance	200.00	402.53	405.00	425.00
Membership	250.00	96.31	150.00	250.00
Publicity**	50.00	8.54	325.00	350.00
<i>Delegates & Travel</i>				
State Convention/Council	150.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
National Council/Convention	2,500.00	0.00	2,750.00	1,200.00
Regional Workshops	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
UMRR ILO		271.00	300.00	350.00
<i>Other Meetings</i>	50.00	50.00	150.00	150.00
<i>Financial Support for the League</i>				
<i>National PMP</i>				
Local Account (1/2 total due; 1/2 pd from Ed directly to LWVUS from Ed Fund)	1,624.00	1,624.00	1,624.00	1,744.00
<i>State PMP</i>				
Local Acct (3/4 total due)	1,903.12	1,903.12	1,903.12	2,043.75
Local Acct (1/4 Ed Fund transfer in)	634.38	634.38	634.38	681.25
<i>Bulletins</i>				
VOTER	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00

Web Page***	400.00	45.20	345.20	400.00
Educational Activities****				
Publications-Political Directory	50.00	29.38	50.00	50.00
Study Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Observer Corps	50.00	22.50	50.00	50.00
VOTE 411 (printing, supplies)				600.00
Voter Service	600.00	551.27	2,600.00	900.00
Ready to Run Workshop	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Local LWV Meetings	350.00	2.68	25.00	150.00
Position Support				
Position Support	100.00	48.15	75.00	100.00
Legislative Forums	50.00	66.34	100.00	100.00
Other				
Dinners/Annual Meeting	2,600.00	715.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Membership Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Awards	150.00	0.00	150.00	600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,711.50	\$6,765.89	\$14,439.05	\$16,444.00
Net Income/(Reduction of Reserves)	-\$934.12	\$3,180.44	\$1,523.64	-\$1,318.75
ENDING BALANCE	4,173.43	8,831.20	7,174.40	5,855.65

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMES
EDUCATION FUND**

	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Actual at February 29, 2016	2015-16 Re-Estimate for June 30, 2016	2016-17 Proposed Budget
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$9,795.94	\$11,796.37	\$11,796.37	\$9,063.61
INCOME				
Member/Nonmember	4,000.00	2,750.00	2,800.00	2,500.00
Transfer In from Checking Account	0.00	165.00	165.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,000.00	\$2,915.00	\$2,965.00	\$2,500.00
EXPENSES				
National PMP (pd directly to National)	1,624.00	1,624.00	1,624.00	1,744.00
State PMP (1/4 qualifying for reimbursmnt.)	634.38	1,293.76	1,293.76	681.25
Educational Activites Expenses	1,050.00	0.00	2,230.00	2,150.00
Web Page	200.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
VOTE 411 Annual Fee	0.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Scholarships/Memorials	5,100.00	0.00	0.00	5,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,608.38	\$3,317.76	\$5,697.76	\$10,225.25
ENDING BALANCE	\$5,187.56	\$11,393.61	\$9,063.61	\$1,338.36
TOTAL RESOUCES (Operating & Ed Fund)	9,360.99	20,224.81	16,238.01	7,194.01

2016–17 OPERATING BUDGET NOTES

Income

Dues: income is calculated based on current rates of \$60 per regular member, \$90 for household, \$30 for students

Contributions: Includes Finance Drive Goals of \$3,500.00 for Operating budget, \$2,500.00 for Ed Fund, totaling \$6,000

Expenses

Admin Support/Misc: Increase is for proposed hire of student intern

National PMP: Current LWVUS per-member-payment rate is \$32 for regular members, \$16 for 2nd in household & students

State PMP: Current LWVIA rate is \$25 for regular members, \$12.50 for 2nd in household & students

2017 calendar is for LWVIA convention & LWVUS council

UMMRR-ILO (Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization) is new line item, per action at 2015 Annual Mtg.

VOTE 411: new line item; expenses other than annual fee are paid from operating budget; fee is paid to directly from our LWVEF account to LWVUS

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

*** Reimbursement for 50% of this expenditure will be requested from Ed Fund

**** Reimbursement for 100% of these expenditures will be requested from Ed Fund

2016–17 EDUCATION FUND NOTES

General Notes

These LWV of Ames and Story County monies are held in a designated account administered by LWVUS Education Fund

Contributions to the Ed Fund are tax deductible; accordingly these monies may be expended for qualifying activities only

Expenditures of these funds must be requested by our league and approved by LWVUS Ed Fund

Income

Contributions include Finance Drive goal of \$2,500.00

Expenses

Most expenses represent reimbursement of qualifying operating-budget expenditures, where they will be posted as income

Scholarships/Memorials: for accounting purposes, shown as an expense as a means of carrying these funds forward; while we presently have no proposed use of these funds, they are available to us in 2016–17 and/or future years

Report from the Nominating Committee:

The positions listed below in *bold italics* are up for election to the Board. (Others listed will be serving the second year of their terms.) The year the term will expire is shown next to the Board position. 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 Clinton
Carolyn Klaus
Linda Murken
Sandra McJimsey

2016 Slate

<i>President</i>	<i>(2017)</i>	<i>Devita Harden*</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>(2017)</i>	<i>Miriam Patterson*</i>
<i>President-elect</i>	<i>(2017)</i>	
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>(2018)</i>	<i>Nancy Halvorson</i>
Treasurer	(2017)	Sandra McJimsey
Membership	(2017)	Carolyn Klaus
<i>Membership</i>	<i>(2018)</i>	<i>DeLores Hawkins</i>
<i>Meeting Planner</i>	<i>(2017)</i>	<i>Sue Koehrsen*</i>
<i>Meeting Planner</i>	<i>(2018)</i>	<i>Bev Kruempel</i>
<i>Finance</i>	<i>(2018)</i>	<i>Cynthia Paschen</i>
Finance	(2017)	George Belitsos
Publicity	(2017)	Rebecca Coats
<i>Publicity</i>	<i>(2018)</i>	<i>Cindy Frederickson</i>
<i>Observer Corps</i>	<i>(2018)</i>	<i>John Klaus</i>
Voter Service	(2017)	Mary Sand
Voter Service	(2017)	Cody Juracek
<i>Legislative Action</i>	<i>(2018)</i>	<i>Donna Elliott</i>
Legislative Action	(2017)	Linda Murken
<i>Voter Editor</i>	<i>(2018)</i>	
Voter Editor	(2017)	Deb Schildroth
<i>Nominating</i>	<i>(2017)</i>	<i>Jan Flora*</i>
<i>Nominating</i>	<i>(2017)</i>	<i>Edna Clinton*</i>

Voter Service Report

Voter Service is responsible primarily for organizing the candidate forums, the State of the Community Event, and, with excellent assistance from First Class Signs and Nelson Electric, the hanging of the “Make Democracy Happen” banner over Main Street in Ames prior to each election.

Last year we co-sponsored with the Gilbert PTO a forum for the Gilbert School Board candidates on September 2, 2015, in the Gilbert High School Auditorium. Candidates participating were Tyler Holck (not present but submitted a statement), Destiny Lempiainen, Douglas Moore, and Kimberly Mosiman. Linda Murken moderated. The discussion ranged from dealing with a diminished budget to STEM education to extended learning opportunities to middle school athletic programs to improving communication to the candidates’ priorities and reasons for running for school board.

The Ames School Board candidate forum was held August 2, 2015, at the Ames City Hall. Participating were Rodney Briggs (not present but submitted a statement), Nathan Buss, Lucas Deardorff, Alisa Frandsen, and Lewis Rosser. Sophia Magill moderated. A sampling of the topics addressed includes state funding, curriculum, facility redevelopment, areas in which the Ames and Gilbert School Districts might work together for mutual benefit, and school breakfast menus.

Candidates participating in the Ames City Council forum on October 8, 2015, included Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Matt Converse, Tim Gartin, Dan DeGeest, and Chris Nelson. Devita Hardin moderated. Audience questions covered affordable housing, warm water and competition swimming pools, collecting diversity data by the police department, building a convention center, building a city funded recreation center, preservation of agricultural land, tax abatements, and candidates’ top concerns including desired changes to the City budget.

The Annual State of the Community event features reports by city leaders on accomplishments and challenges during the past year and plans for the future. The January 14, 2016 event was co-sponsored by the Ames Chamber of Commerce. Presenters were Ames Mayor Ann Campbell, Mary Greeley Medical Center Board of Trustees Chair Sarah Buck, Ames School Board Chair Luke Deardorff, Story County Board of Supervisors Chair Paul Toot, and the ISU President’s Chief of Staff Miles Lackey. George McJimsey moderated and audience questions were encouraged. We were reminded that Ames is a vibrant, busy place and cooperation among government entities makes things happen in the whole of Story County, particularly park maintenance, CyRide and Ames Fire Department funding, Mileage Club participation in the elementary schools, replacement and operation of the Municipal Pool, and airport improvements. MGMC is looking forward to celebrating its centennial year in 2016 during which major renovations are to be completed. The rebuilding of the elementary schools continues with Fellows and Sawyer next in line for completion. Improvements have been made to key watersheds in Story County. ISU is managing its ever increasing enrollment with new staff and faculty hires and supplementing their facilities on campus with space in Campustown. We were all called to action by Mayor Campbell encouraging participation on City boards and commissions and by Luke Deardorff and Miles Lackey to contact legislators for adequate funding for education.

Voter Service has reserved the Ames City Council Chambers for forums prior to the primary election on June 7, 2016 for US, state, and county seats. We will keep you informed. Thank you all for your participation and support over the past year!

Legislative Action Report

Legislative Wake-Ups The LWV of Ames and Story County scheduled six (6) Legislative Wake-Ups this year. In keeping with name change to League of Women Voters of Ames *and Story County*, we held two Wake-Ups in Nevada, in the City Hall Council Chambers. We believe this is the first time the League has held a Legislative Wake-Up Forum outside of Ames. The assistance we received from the City of Nevada and the response to the Wake-Ups were outstanding. The following Legislators attended some or all of the Wake-Ups: Senators Jerry Behn, Bill Dix and Herman Quirmbach; Representatives Rob Bacon, Dave Deyoe, Lisa Heddens and Beth Wessel-Kroeschell.

We had to reschedule two of the Ames Wake-Ups because of conflicts with the dates of the political parties' County and District Conventions (something to remember for upcoming election years). As of March 18, the date of this writing, final Wake-Up dates are:

January 9 in Ames – co-sponsor: Youth and Shelter Services

January 23 in Nevada

February 12 in Ames – co-sponsor: Ames Education Association

March 19 in Ames – co-sponsor: Ames branch of the NAACP

March 26 in Nevada

April 16 in Ames – co-sponsor: National Alliance on Mental Illness

Ames Wake-Ups 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 and Nevada for their assistance in scheduling and using their council chambers for these events, and to 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!

2016 League Capitol Day

On March 10, Ames/Story League members Devita Harden, Judie Hoffman, Carolyn Klaus, Larry Koehrsen, Sue Koehrsen and Linda Murken joined League members from around the state for LWVIA Capitol Day in Des Moines. A highlight of the day was Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds addressing us on their proposal to extend the 1% statewide school infrastructure sales tax from its current expiration date of 2029 to 2049, and to divert growth in excess of \$10 million to water quality efforts. The amount generated has grown each year since the fund was established in 2009. League members asked about the accountability that would be required for the practices to improve water quality, whether the amount generated for water quality during the first years would be significant given the need, and whether such a move would spur more proposals to spend this revenue source for yet other purposes than which it was originally created. The Governor stated the proposal was an effort to get the conversation going and was unsure whether it would be enacted this session.

The Bakken Pipeline Resistance Coalition

The LWVIA is a member of the Bakken Pipeline Resistance Coalition, a group of organizations representing landowners, community members, non-profits and interest groups united to stop the construction of the Bakken Pipeline through Story County and 17 other counties in Iowa. The Ames/Story League approached the Story County Supervisors twice this past year, requesting that they go on record opposing the pipeline and that they call for an environmental impact study; neither request was granted. On March 10 the Iowa Utilities Board announced its decision to grant a permit for the pipeline. The Coalition is making plans to further resist the construction of this pipeline, as it would be an environmental hazard, a misuse of Iowa's statutes on eminent domain and would promote continued reliance on carbon-based fuels as opposed to renewable energy sources.