



# *the VOTER*

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## **ANNUAL MEETING WELL ATTENDED**

### **75 Members, Honorees, and Friends Attended the April 14 Members' Meeting** *The Gateway Hotel Was the Site of Our Brunch and Program*

With songs from the Women's Suffrage era, the program began. 50-year members Johnnie Hammond, Jean Peterson, Marlys Potter, Jeri Prescott, and Virginia Stafford were recognized as were our local officials and candidates in attendance. Visiting member Doris Kelley reported on the progress of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Commemoration Committee, requesting donations to help fund the activities.

Our guest speaker, Kimberly Hope, Operations Manager for the Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS), spoke to the group about the organization. She was joined at the podium by Zain, a Palestinian exchange student who is currently being hosted by the Hope family.



*Mary Richards and friends celebrate the Suffragette Movement. The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Carrie Chapman Catt Award was presented to Mary Sand by her two nominators, Mary Richards and Linda Murken.*



*Our guest speaker, Kimberly Hope of IRIS.*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Making Democracy Work Award" was presented to Edna and Wayne Clinton by their nominator, Drew Kamp.



*Mary Sand is presented her award by Mary Richards.*



*Presenter Drew Kamp with Edna and Wayne Clinton*

Co-Presidents Becky Coats and Nancy Halvorson gave a brief overview of the past year, followed by the business meeting in which the officers and directors were elected for the coming year.

## The Presidents' Message

Three subjects which we'd like to highlight today are **Upcoming Changes, the concept of "Training Wheels" and Social/Educational Participation.**

**UPCOMING CHANGES:** We have a NEW VENUE FOR MONTHLY INFORMATION SESSIONS. Often parking near the Ames Public Library is difficult. We will now be meeting at **Northminster Presbyterian Church at 1416 20<sup>th</sup> Street.** This location will give us more parking space, is well lit for evenings, and we will have more time for the sessions. We will still meet from 7:00-8:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month.

Another great change is **FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR STUDENTS** who wish to join our League. This includes high school students who have turned 18, college students and adult, part-time students.

**TRAINING WHEELS:** Although each one of us believes in the LWV, we have busy lives. So instead of taking on large responsibilities, such as the entire year of planning information sessions, we are encouraging members to contribute by marching in a parade, working on one session, helping with a Forum or Wakeup as a time keeper or greeter, or taking part in a study. There are so many opportunities to contribute with less time commitment. If you would like to try these 'Training Wheels', contact [prez2.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:prez2.lwv@gmail.com) and we will be pleased to get you started!

**SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:** We'd also like to encourage member participation in the **Coffee Thing**, a chance for members to meet very casually once a month, on a date emailed to everyone; **Issues Chats**, a time for more in depth discussions, which are usually held at a co-president's house; and of course, **The Book Club.**

**Lobby Day at the Capitol** is an opportunity to meet with other members of our State Leagues while learning about the issues of importance. This is held in February. It's a day that left us feeling more committed than ever. These activities are not only fun & educational, but they help to strengthen our relationships with one another.

It really has been our pleasure and honor to get to know so many dedicated and passionate members in our League. Please let us know if there is something more we can do to serve you better. We appreciate each of you and thank you for the opportunity!

While speaking of what a great experience this is, we will soon be in the home stretch. Our term ends Spring 2019 when new president(s) will be voted on. Our Nominations Committee will be reaching out to fill our position and others on the Board. Please be thinking about any interest you might have in accepting a Board position.

We wish everyone an amazing few weeks of summer and we hope to see you at our September 20th information session which will be a panel presentation on Human Trafficking, headed by our own Dr. George Belitsos.

In League, your Co-Presidents  
Becky Coats and Nancy Halvorson

## Calendar

- **Saturday, August 25, 9 a.m.**  
Lincoln Highway Days Parade
- **Thursday, September 20, 7-9 p.m.**  
Human Trafficking Program, Northminster Presbyterian Church
- **Sunday, September 23, 10-2 p.m.**  
IRIS Peacewalk, Ada Hayden Park
- **Thursday, September 27, 7 p.m.**  
ISU President Wendy Wintersteen, Ames Public Library
- **Saturday, September 29, 11-7 p.m.**  
Pridefest, Douglas Ave. & Main
- **Saturday, October 10-2 p.m.**  
LWVIA Issues Briefing, Marshalltown

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Your **2018-19** membership renewal is now due! Please make your check payable to the LWV of Ames and Story County and mail with the coupon below to:

**Carolyn Klaus, Treasurer,  
LWV of Ames and Story County  
P.O. Box 2266, Ames, Iowa 50010.**

If you have questions about your dues, please contact Carolyn at 515-231-0857 or email [candjklaus@aol.com](mailto:candjklaus@aol.com)

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**Please print, clip, and return with dues payment.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Payment \_\_\_\_\_

\$60.00 for individual, \$30.00 for each additional member for joint membership  
**STUDENTS ARE FREE.** Send a copy of your student ID to confirm enrollment.

Please make check payable to LWV of Ames and Story County. Dues are **NOT** tax-deductible.

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm enclosing a contribution to League, which is **NOT** tax-deductible, for use in the general fund. Please make check payable to LWV of Ames and Story County; may be included with dues check.

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm enclosing a contribution to the League of Women Voters Education Fund, which **IS** tax-deductible, for use in educational projects only. Please make a separate check payable to LWVEF.

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\_\_\_\_\_ New address or email? Please check here!

## ***More from the Annual Meeting***

During the annual business meeting, the League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County voted to adopt and retain the following positions: Story County Hospital, Living Wages, Transportation Needs in Story County, Children at Risk of Abuse From Their Caregivers, Land Use, Electric Utility, Leisure and Recreation, County Recreation, Affordable Housing, and Recreational Needs and Programs for Seniors in Story County.

The elected officers and directors are:

**Co-Presidents Rebecca Coats and Nancy Halvorson**

**Secretary Debra Lee**

**Treasurer Carolyn Klaus**

**Membership Judy Jones, Barb Wheelock**

**Finance George Belitsos**

**Publicity Mary Ann Dilla**

**Observer Corps Paula Toms**

**Voter Services Mary Sand**

**Legislative Action Judy Trumpy**

**Voter Editors Jan Beran, Louise O'Donnell**



*Board members in attendance at the annual meeting – Debra Lee, Becky Coats, Paula Toms, Nancy Halvorson, Jan Beran, Judy Trumpy, Donna Elliott, Carolyn Klaus, Judy Jones, Mary Sand, Louise O'Donnell, Mike Coveyou.*

## ***Review of Legislative Actions***



*Amy Campbell, our State Legislature Lobbyist, presents review*

On May 17 at the Ames Public Library, Amy Campbell, LWVIA Lobbyist, presented a review of the legislative efforts of LWVIA lobbying with outcomes for the 2018 legislative session. She discussed a mixed bag of bills which were passed and which were tabled, hopefully due somewhat to our efforts. The group was able to question and address concerns for the past session and plans for the future. 1,423 bills were introduced this year, 176 bills were passed by the Legislature, 175 were signed into law.

## ***Candidate Forum May 23***



*Katie Rock, Chad Buss, and Annette Sweeney*

LWV and the Center for Rural Affairs co-hosted the Iowa Senate District 25 Candidate Forum held in the Nevada Public Library May 23. Approximately 24 people attended including candidates Annette Sweeney and Chad Buss. Katie Rock from the Center for Rural Affairs moderated.

## ***New Member Orientation Meeting***



Five new members and 15 members gathered to welcome and inform May 24 at Northcrest in Ames. Board members explained their duties and several attendees volunteered to take on leadership positions.

***Co-President Nancy Halvorson has been appointed a Board Member for the LWV of Iowa. Her term expires June 2019. Congratulations Nancy!***

## ***Healthy Life Center Issues Chat***



The League hosted an Issues Chat on June 11 with Nancy Carroll, CEO of Heartland Senior Services, who presented plans for the proposed Healthy Life Center. The well attended meeting was held at the Northminster Church. The League's position on Recreational Needs for Seniors enables us to advocate publicly for support.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

### ***First Annual Picnic July 12***



Our League held a picnic July 12 at Inis Grove Park in Ames. Twenty-four people attended, socialized and enjoyed the good food, despite the extremely hot weather!

### ***July Fourth Parade***



LWV of Ames and Story County had 20 marchers including members, friends, and family in the Ames 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The crew passed out miniature American flags and survived a very, very hot day. Thanks to all the dedicated marchers. Remember the Lincoln Days Parade which will be August 25<sup>th</sup> in Nevada. Wear your T-shirt!

***Visit Us on Facebook at League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County***

### ***Voter Registration Update***

We are busy setting dates for Voter Registration events and educating residents on the new Voter ID laws. We have several dates set and are adding events. Also, Lucy Martin, Story County Auditor, has asked us to help with satellite voting after October 9. Please call if you wish to help with registration.

#### **Dates of LWV commitment:**

August 24 - Women's Equality Day - ISU Central Campus

September 11 - Laverne Apartments 4:00 to 6:30 pm

September 13 - Riverbirch Apartments 4:00 to 6:30 pm

September 17 - Constitution Day

September 25 - National Registration Day - 9:00 - 3:00  
Three locations

September 29 - Ames Pridefest

October 22 to 26 - Satellite Voting - Memorial Union -  
Coordinated w/County Auditor

Help Make Democracy Work!

Carolyn Klaus [candjklaus@aol.com](mailto:candjklaus@aol.com) 515-231-0857



*The Vote for Our Lives T-shirt which, when scanned, takes you to the website of the movement for registration, founded by the survivors of the Parkland School shooting.*

## **THE LWVUS NATIONAL CONVENTION**



The 53<sup>rd</sup> National Convention was held June 28 - July 1 in Chicago. Co-Presidents Becky Coats and Nancy Halvorson attended with more than 1000 members from 49 states. They participated in leadership workshops including the topics of Gun Safety, Eminent Domain Abuse, Global Warming, Redistricting, Vote411, and Diversity. Resolutions were passed supporting abolishing the Electoral College, and supporting the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Delegates voted on the priorities for the focus for the future. The campaign for Making Democracy Work includes ensuring a fair accessible electoral system, focusing on voting rights, and advocacy for the National Popular Vote Compact, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, and Redistricting.

## ALL THE NEWS

### ***Our Vote411.org***

Educating voters has been a core mission of the League of Women Voters since its inception. This year, your local League of Ames & Story County has once again joined with the state and national leagues and prepared our on line Voter Guide that does just that.

This version of the online Voter's Guide, [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), includes all races on your ballot. Each race will contain short candidate profiles as well as candidate responses to questions about issues important to our community. We are live with this version of [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). We hope you will look at the [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) website and recommend it to others as a tool that might help in selecting candidates in the upcoming general election in November. If you do take advantage of this opportunity to get to know more about the races and candidates on your ballot, we would love to get your feedback! If you have questions about VOTE411, please contact Donna Elliott via email at [DonnaElliott@Live.com](mailto:DonnaElliott@Live.com) or by phone at (515) 230-8198.

Best Regards,

Your VOTE411 Team – Donna Elliott and Mary Sand



The VOTE411.org website informs the user of their candidates, the issues, and where they may vote. **PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COWORKERS.**

### ***Pridefest - Volunteers Needed***

Pridefest will be held Saturday, September 29, on Douglas Avenue between Main Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street from **11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** We plan to have a booth with information available for distribution and may offer voter registration. **Many volunteers will be needed given the length of the event. Please email [prez2.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:prez2.lwv@gmail.com) to offer your help.**

### ***T-Shirts and Jackets***

The Ames League has T-shirts and jackets for sale. The T-shirts are 100% cotton. The jackets are gray fleece.

T-shirts sizes available – S, M, L, & XL. \$15.00.

Jackets, in men's and women's styles, available in S, M, L, and XL. \$30.00

To order email [prez2.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:prez2.lwv@gmail.com)

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### ***New Members***

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### ***The 2019 State Convention***



Our local league will be hosting the 2019 State Convention on June 7-8 here in Ames at the ISU Alumni Center. Co-Presidents Nancy Halvorson and Becky Coats will be recruiting volunteers for planning committees. An all-member meeting is planned for late September. The Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau is assisting with some of the planning. If you have a specific interest in assisting with the planning and execution (program, lodging, food, for example) please communicate your interest by email to: [pres2.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:pres2.lwv@gmail.com).

### ***Reminder***

#### ***Human Trafficking Update***

**Thursday September 20, 7 p.m.  
at Northminster Presbyterian Church,  
1416 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames,  
Our Board Member Dr. George Belitsos  
and Ruth Buckles will be presenting.**

## **ALL THE NEWS**

### ***LWVIA Mission Statement Changed***

As part of the transformational journey of League of Women Voter, a new vision, mission and value statement have been created:

**Vision:** We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

**Mission:** Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

**Value Statement:** The League believes in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.



***We are very happy that the recent National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States adopted a resolution that "Urgently reaffirms its long-held position that the Electoral College should be abolished."***

"The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice-President is essential to representative government. The League of Women Voters believes, therefore, that the Electoral College should be abolished. We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished. The League also supports uniform voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. The League supports changes in the presidential election system from the candidate selection process to the general election. We support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates and their positions, public policy issues and the selection process itself. The League supports action to ensure that the media, political parties, candidates, and all levels of government achieve these goals and provide that information."

### **Join Facebook Town Hall**

<https://www.facebook.com/townhall> puts you in contact with every one of your representatives.

Your contact is a click away.

### ***Lincoln Highway Days Parade Augusts 25, 9 a.m. Nevada***

Once again we will proudly carry our signs and hand out flags while we walk in the Lincoln Highway Days Parade. Just to give us a general idea of participation, please RSVP [prez2.LWV@gmail.com](mailto:prez2.LWV@gmail.com) by August 20. We will be sending out details, including carpooling, as we get closer to the date. We will have a booth in Nevada, set up at 8:30. We are hoping for another GREAT turnout!

### ***LWV Collaboration with AAUW-***

Our League will join AAUW of Ames in hosting a presentation by ISU President Wendy Wintersteen at the Ames Public Library, Thursday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. Open to the public. Mark your calendars!

### ***The LWV Book Club***

You're invited to join the LWV Book Club! We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m.

The group is non-partisan; the selections are mostly (but not always) non-fiction. The group is open to all League members.

If you are interested and would like to see the books chosen so far for the year go to [LWV of Ames and Story County Book Club](#) .

If you have questions or would like to join us, Email [jcnoland@mac.com](mailto:jcnoland@mac.com).



### ***IRIS Peacewalk***

We plan to participate with a booth again this year in the walk for peace held by the Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS). If you would like to help, email [prez2.LWV@gmail.com](mailto:prez2.LWV@gmail.com). Sunday September 23, 10 a.m. to 2p.m. at Ada Hayden Park.



***Check out the website!  
[www.ameslwv.org](http://www.ameslwv.org)***