



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

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Calendar Of Events

August 21 (Monday): 5:45 pm
LWVLL Board Meeting.

Sept. 18 (Monday): 5:45 pm
LWVLL Board Meeting.

Sept. 21 (Thursday): Noon
Lunch & Learn,
US Bank Bldg 20th Floor, 13th & M.
Guest: Max Graves, immigration
specialist with Equity in Nebraska.

Nov 7 (Tuesday):
Statewide General Election Day

Lunch & Learn

After taking the summer off, we're gearing up again for the LWVLL "Lunch & Learn" luncheon series. The luncheons will start up again in September, and will again be held on the third Thursday of each month, noon at the Nebraska Club on the 20th floor of the US Bank Building, 13th & M Streets.

The guest speaker for the September 21st luncheon will be Max Graves, immigration specialist with Equity in Nebraska. Max was the main player in the "Brissa" story that Cindy Lange-Kubick recently wrote about in the Lincoln Journal Star. He will tell Brissa's story from his perspective and give an update on her life and activities. Watch next month's *Voter* for more information on the September Lunch & Learn.

The October program is still in the early planning stages, but we're planning a discussion of "Petition Process Issues: What's on the ballot and How did it get there?" Watch future issues for more information.

LWVUS National Convention

The League of Women Voters 47th National Convention, "Meeting in the Middle", was held in Minneapolis in June. It was a convention full of energy, education and professionalism. The convention brought together hundreds of members from across the United States, who share the League of Women Voters' mission. As I attended sessions and met other League Members I gained a first hand understanding of the League's mission; "To encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy."

"Meeting in the Middle" offered participants the opportunity to attend a variety of sessions. The sessions included such topics as Increasing Local League Membership, Openness in Government, Global Warming, Safeguarding US Democracy, Immigration, Health Care Reform, The National Popular Vote, Global Democracy, Telecommunications, United Nations and so much more. Many of the sessions offered valuable information and dialogue that continued well into the night. Numerous booklets and handouts are available in the League office for anyone wanting to learn more. My hat goes off to the organizers of the convention, as it was a job well done!

— Maura Kelly Tolzin, LWVLL Board Member

HAVA Grant Funded

The Help America Vote Act Grant (applied for by the League of Women Voters of Nebraska Education Fund) has been funded. The total grant funds received: \$46,560.

The Help America Vote Act Grant Task Force is meeting regularly to plan for our Voter Education and Motivation Project and wise use of the grant funds. (Three members of the HAVA Grant Task Force are members of the LWV Lincoln/Lancaster County League – Maura Kelly-Tolzin, Lois Dam, and Lois Poppe. Other Lincoln/Lancaster League members have indicated willingness to be involved in the project. **Many hours of involvement by League of Women Voters members from local groups throughout the state will be needed for this project to be successful. (In fact, the total value of the grant includes \$6800 of volunteer time contributions.)**

Look at the list of possible ways that you can be involved in the project. Return your sheet to the LWV office:

League of Women Voters of Nebraska Education Fund
140 N 8th Street Suite 215
Lincoln NE 68508

Thanks for considering involvement in this important project!

— Lois Poppe, HAVA Grant Project Director

EXPENDITURES		
	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Budget</u>
EA. Operating expenses		
1. Rent	\$2,365.00	\$2,370.00
2. Utilities	180.00	150.00
3. Telephone	249.64	252.00
4. Postal fee and deposits	106.38	75.00
5. Supplies	30.00	25.00
6. Audit	0.00	100.00
7. Voter		
a. Printing	554.88	916.00
b. Postage	351.48	300.00
8. Corporate fee	0.00	0.00
9. Miscellaneous	0.00	10.00
EB. Board and committee expenses		
1. President	0.00	20.00
2. Membership committee	261.72	60.00
3. Other board expenses	0.00	30.00
EC. Conventions		
1. Annual meeting	113.59	110.00
2. National convention, council	(593.90)	600.00
ED. Membership support		
1. Yearbook	182.21	400.00
2. Scholarships (membership subsidies)	0.00	50.00
EE. Per-member payments (dues collected)		
1. For LWV-NE	3,180.00	2,130.00
2. For LWV-US	3,218.70	3,266.00
EF. Education Fund projects	1,793.79	3,000.00
EG. Position support		
1. Program		
a. Lunch and Learn	1,223.77	1,750.00
b. Other program expenses	1,098.64	50.00
2. Action	0.00	25.00
3. Cosponsorship	0.00	25.00
EH. Miscellaneous expenditures	377.45	20.00
EI. Transfers from Memb. Recruit. Grant	80.00	0.00
	\$14,773.35	\$15,734.00

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Time Dated Material
Please Do Not Delay

Top Five Reasons for Me

Not to Participate in the HAVA Project (See page 1.)

1. Too many other commitments.
2. It is too complex and overwhelming.
3. I have never done it before.
4. It won't make any difference.
5. It is someone else's turn.

Top Five Reasons for Me

to Participate in the HAVA Project

1. I can give a little of my time because it is important.
2. I can choose one part of the project that is a good fit for me.
3. I can learn new skills and become better informed.
4. I can work to make a difference for our community/state/nation's future.
5. I can challenge and mentor others to get involved.

I am willing to find out more about the following ways to participate:

(Please put a check mark by those that interest you.)

- Prepare a mailing as part of a survey to determine needs of voters.
- Make follow-up phone calls to those receiving surveys.
- Be part of a team to provide basic voter information for a group.
- Be a speaker for a group such as Senior Center, Student Group, Ethnic Center.
- Participate in a Kick-off Campaign and Press Conference.
- Contact radio/television for guest appearances.
- Put information on websites of cooperating organizations.
- Distribute booklets, brochures, posters, voting calling cards.
- Be part of a team to present a non-partisan Issue Forum.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____