



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

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Calendar Of Events

November 16 (Thursday): Noon

Lunch & Learn,
US Bank Bldg 20th Floor, 13th & M.
Guest: Jack Gould from Common
Cause, on Campaign Finance Reform.
(See article at right.)

November 19 (Sunday): 1:00-4:00 pm

Film: "The End of Suburbia"
Followed by a discussion on the
topic of emerging green builders.
Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater
13th & Q Streets, Lincoln.
(See article below.)

November 20 (Monday): 5:45 pm

LWVLL Board Meeting
At the Apothecary, 140 N 8th St.,
Second Floor conference room.

Lunch & Learn

November's guest speaker is Jack Gould from Common Cause Nebraska. He will speak on the topic of Campaign Financing.

Luncheon begins promptly at noon, Thursday, November 16 at the Nebraska Club on the 20th floor of the US Bank Building, 13th and M Streets. Members, their guests and the public are welcome. Space is limited, so please RSVP to the League office, 475-1411, no later than Monday, November 13. The luncheon cost is \$8.00, this includes tax and gratuity. Rides will be provided if requested.

Thanks to Voter Registration Volunteers!

A special thanks to the members who took the time to answer emails, phone calls and travel the county to register voters and get the League out there! You made access to easy registration available at over 40 sites in 2 months! Maura's amazing organizational skills and pinch hitting were also awesome. Some members did over 12 of the sites! Karen Dienstbier gets special kudos for filling over 1/2 of those sites so I could get my cherubs settled in at East High. You are all appreciated!

— Linda Lannin, Voter Registration

Invitation to a Community Event

League members and the public are invited to the following event:

- **Subject:** Emerging Green Builders
- **Type:** Movie
- **Event Description:** Emerging Green Builders invites you to the inaugural Environmental Movie/Discussion showing of "The End of Suburbia" on November 19th, at 1pm, showing at the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater in Lincoln. Discussion to follow, led by Cecil Steward, President/CEO of the Joslyn Castle Institute. Admission: students are free, suggested \$5 donation. See invitation by selecting the URL address following "Link" below.
- **Location:** Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater in Lincoln
- **Date/Time:** Sunday, November 19, 2006 at 1:00 PM
- **Duration:** 3 hours
- **Link:** https://www.communicationsmgr.com/projects/joslyn_castle/docs/EGBmovieAdvert%20copy.pdf

For more information about this project, go to <http://www.ecospheres.com/>

Information forwarded by Jonah Deppe, LWV State Board member.

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Report on October Dine & Discuss

October, 23, 2006

CEDARS Northbridge Community Center

Guest: Professor John R. Hibbing, UN-L

Everything you wanted to know about voting and were afraid to ask.

One of several topics discussed was voter turnouts and how we could motivate voters. A variety of methods used to motivate voters have been used, including the following: entering the voters' names in a lottery (Arizona); Motor voter; mandatory (Australia); same day registration (North Dakota); and a Registration Push (Rock the Vote) with the idea that "if they register, they will vote."

The level of trust in the government has had a definite impact on the voting process through the years in that we experienced a drop in '67 - '72, then a bounce back in the '80s, down again in the early 1990s, back up in the late 1990s and now very low.

John stated that the negative ads might actually stimulate voting, but tend to decrease the trust in political leaders. Responsible press can be a watchdog. Citizens seem to want to be entertained.

John also shared information on studies on absolutistic people (those who seek clarity from their leader and who often have a strong belief in punishment, a Supreme Being, and authoritarianism) versus impressionistic people (those who believe that context changes and flip-flopping is good).

The League thanks Professor Hibbing for his willingness to lead a dialogue on this important issue.

— Pat Walter & Lois Poppe, LWVLL members

