



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

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Calendar of Events

April 10 (Tuesday): 1:00-8:30 p.m.
Candidate Debates
St. Paul UMC, 1144 M St.
(See article at right.)

April 19 (Thursday): Noon
Lunch & Learn,
US Bank Bldg 20th Floor,
13th & M.
Guests: Gwen Howard, Bob
Moyer, discussing Bullying.
(See article at right.)

April 28 (Saturday): 9:30-3:00
LWV Local & State Conventions
Hillcrest Country Club
(See articles on page 3)

May 1 (Tuesday): 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Lincoln City General Election

Lunch & Learn

Bullying will be the focus of the April monthly "Lunch and Learn" program sponsored by the Lincoln/Lancaster County League of Women Voters. Senator Gwen Howard and Bob Moyer, Executive Director of the Family Violence Council, will be the speakers.

Senator Gwen Howard has introduced LB 205 which requires schools to adopt a policy on bullying. She will explain how this legislation came about and why this legislation is necessary.

Bob Moyer, with Lincoln Public Schools and Swanson Russell Associates, created an ad campaign that targets bullying. This ad campaign entitled "Practice Positive" tries to hit at the underbelly of bullying by making parents think about what they are teaching their children and how their actions influence their children.

The April "Lunch and Learn" will be held Thursday, April 19th, at noon at the Nebraska Club – top of the U.S. Bank on 13th and "M" Streets. Everyone is welcome. Reservations should be made early – no later than April 16th – as space is limited. The luncheon cost is \$8.00, including tax and gratuity. Rides will be provided if requested. Leave a message at the League office (475-1411) to make reservations.

Candidate Debates on April 10

The League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County and five other local co-sponsors have scheduled candidate debates for Tuesday, April 10, in the Bevins Family Life Center on the main floor of Saint Paul

United Methodist Church, 1144 "M" Street. The debates will be taped and re-broadcast several times before the election. The public is welcome to attend. Audience members are asked to refrain from wearing or otherwise displaying items indicating support of specific candidates while in the debate area.

Candidates are listed below in the order of their opening statements.

1:00-2:00 pm, LPS District 2 Doug Evans has declined the nomination, but Richard Meginnis will be present to discuss school issues informally with interested voters. Informal discussions are NOT taped and re-broadcast.

2:15-3:15 pm, City Council District 4 (Annette McRoy and John Spatz)

3:30-4:30 pm, City Council District 2 (Jon Camp and Allan Abbott)

4:45-5:45 pm, City Council District 3 (John Erickson and Jonathan Cook)

6:00-7:00 pm, City Council District 1 (Doug Emery and LaRae Eifert)

7:30-8:30 pm, Mayoral debate (Chris Beutler and Ken Svoboda)

Airport Authority candidates have been invited to be present throughout the afternoon and evening in the area reserved for campaign materials distribution.

To reach the Bevins Family Life Center from the west doors, use the elevator ("M" button). If entering the church through the south door, go up the interior stairs and walk away from the sanctuary. Parking is available across 11th Street or in the parking garage one block south of the church. On-street parking or free space in the garage under the church (enter from 11th Street) may also be available.

Debate co-sponsors include the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission; the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging; the National Council of Negro Women (Lincoln Section); the North 27th Street Business and Civic Association; and Saint Paul United Methodist Church. The majority of the funding for the debates is provided by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization.

— Sharon Nemeth, Debate Coordinator

Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast
Hosted by Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska
Honorary Chair: Mayor Coleen Seng
Thursday, May 3, 2007
Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE – 7:30 a.m.

March 12, 2007

Dear Friend:

As the committee planning for the 2007 Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, it is our privilege to ask you to be one of the SPONSORS for this event. The breakfast will be held Thursday, May 3, 2007 at the Embassy Suites, 1040 P Street (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). This year's theme is *Promoting Unity among Diversity in Lincoln*. Mayor Coleen Seng will share her remarks followed by our honored guest, the Rev. Dr. Robert Edgar, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. Program participants will reflect Lincoln's wonderful diversity of faith traditions. The program will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Being a sponsor means that you will permit the Planning Committee to list your name, or the name of your business, organization, or faith community on the program. You will be responsible for purchasing and/or selling a minimum of two (2) reservations for the breakfast at \$15.00 per person. Again, we will reserve Sponsorship Tables of Ten at \$150.00 per table.

Please send your reservation and check payable to "**Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast**" to **Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508** no later than April 23 in order for your name to be published on the Sponsor's List.

If you would like a mail-in sponsorship & reservation form, please contact Stephanie Dohner, dohner@mindspring.com, or D'Arcy Blosser, jdbmblo288@aol.com.

We thank you for your response and your participation in this important event!

Respectfully,

Stephanie Q. Dohner
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

Prem L. Bansal
Hindu Community of Lincoln

Karen Dientsbier
Unitarian Church

Donna Lightbody
Christ United Methodist Church

D'Arcy Blosser
First Christian Church

**League of Women Voters
Lincoln/Lancaster County
Annual Meeting**

April 28, 2007

**Hillcrest Country Club
9401 East O Street
Lincoln, Nebraska**

9:30 – 11:15 a.m., preceding the LWFNE State Convention

LWFLL conducts important business with annual elections, bylaws review and committee reports.
Please plan to join us for coffee, tea and sweets.

**League of Women Voters
State Convention
“Learning from Yesterday for a Better Tomorrow”
April 28, 2007**

**Hillcrest Country Club
9401 East O Street
Lincoln, Nebraska**

11:00: Registration

11:30-12:30: Luncheon with special guest “Lavinia Dock” –
public health nurse, nurse leader/writer/historian, social activist,
labor organizer, and suffragist (played by Beth Furlong)

12:45: Business Meeting

1:50: Breakout Sessions

“Water Issues Update” with Ann Salomon Bleed (Director of Dept. of Natural Resources)
“Medicaid/Medicare – New Freedom Initiative – What does it mean”
with Jonah Deppe (LWFNE Director-Health Care)
Discussion of Education Issues, with Barbara Rennard, LWV member from Omaha

2:20: Business Meeting continues

3:00: Adjourn

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Generous Leaguers :

Of the dues we pay each year, only about eleven dollars is retained by our local League; the rest of your dues dollars are forwarded for League work on the state and national levels.

So how do we pay our budgeted expenses? One very important source of income, as you can see from our budget, is gifts from members. Many of you, when you mail your dues checks, add a hefty amount to cover the day-to-day expenses of our local organization, and without those gifts our budget wouldn't balance. Please accept the thanks of our board, and again this year do remember to add a gift, whatever you can afford. It means a lot.

— *Amy Tuttle, LWVLL Treasurer*