



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

September 2007

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Calendar of Events

September 20 (Thursday): Noon
Lunch & Learn,
US Bank Bldg 20th Floor,
13th & M.
Guest: Mayor Chris Beutler.
(See article at right.)

October 9 (Tuesday): 5:30 p.m.
LWVLL Board meeting,
Woods Bros, 3737 S. 27th,
Lower Level Board Room.

October 18 (Thursday): Noon
Lunch & Learn,
US Bank Bldg 20th Floor,
13th & M.
Guest: Speaker from the National
Functional Genomics project.

October 25 (Thursday): 3:50 p.m.
Dine & Discuss
State Capitol Rotunda
(See article at right.)

Lunch & Learn

Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler will lead off the new fall of speakers for the LWVLL “Lunch and Learn” series.

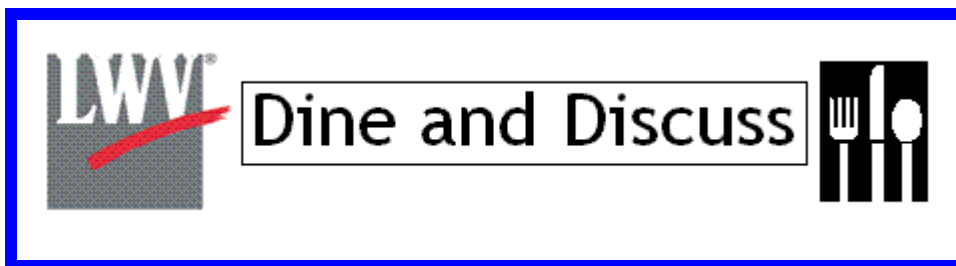
Chris Beutler is a native Nebraskan, who has devoted his life to serving the City of Lincoln and the people of Nebraska. Mayor Beutler previously had a long professional career in the Nebraska legislature beginning in 1978. During his time in the legislature he served in a number of capacities and was always a leader in promoting legislation impacting environmental, health and education issues. In May 2007 he was elected as the Mayor of Lincoln. During his campaign he promised not to raise taxes in the first year and to conduct a department by department review to assess effectiveness, productivity and fiscal management. The Mayor will give us an overview of his first few months in office.

The September “Lunch and Learn” will be held Thursday, September 20th, 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 this Monday, September 17th—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.

Voter Services Coordinator Needed:

This position is extremely important and exciting as we are entering a General Election Year and we need a coordinator and his or her team to work with Maura at the Election Commissioners office and set up the LWV members who will be working with Voter Registration. Please contact Pat Walter as soon as possible if you are interested. You may know

of someone not yet a League Member who would be a great candidate...and a great new member. Contact Pat Walter, pattysells@yahoo.com or 430-8410.



On October 25, 2007, step inside the Chambers of the Nebraska Legislature with our first “Dine and Discuss” program of the fall season. Know **YOUR** Unicameral and see how the bill process is completed with a tour by our newest LWV members, Heidi Uhing. Heidi is the Public Information Officer of the Nebraska Legislature. We will have our discuss venue in the Warner Chambers (an area not generally open to the public) followed by a reception in the Capitol Courtyard with numerous state and city/county political leaders available to meet and visit.

Thursday, October 25, meeting at 3:50 p.m. in the Rotunda, reception following. \$10 for the Event.
Please call the League Office for reservations at 475-1411. Watch next month's *Voter* for more information.



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION DAY

Civic Engagement Crucial for a Healthy Democracy

Washington, DC – This September 17th marks the 220th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The League of Women Voters is working nationwide to highlight the crucial elements of our democracy, and will hold events with students and other groups across the country.

“Constitution Day marks an important opportunity for us to reflect upon the democratic foundations we still rely on today,” said national League president Mary G. Wilson.

“It is essential for Americans to remember key ideals such as responsive government, individual liberties and the separation of powers, especially an independent judicial branch. It is our responsibility to teach those lessons to future generations, and also to ensure our leaders are actively protecting the basic civil liberties we fought to obtain.

“For more than 87 years, League members all over the country have worked hands-on to preserve and strengthen our system. Constitution Day serves as an important reminder of that work, and inspires us to keep working to build a better democracy,” Wilson concluded.

This year’s Constitution Day events are part of a joint effort by the League of Women Voters’ national *Safeguarding U.S. Democracy: Promoting an Independent Judiciary* program, the *Constitution Project* and *Justice at Stake*. As part of this project, events in nearly 20 states will promote citizen understanding of the importance of separation of powers and checks and balances as provided for by the U.S. Constitution.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 87 years of experience and 850 local and state affiliates, the League is one of America’s most trusted grassroots organizations.

LWVNE and LWVLL Calendar 2007-2008

Monday, September 17, 2007	Constitution Day Signing of the US Constitution, 1787
Thursday, September 20, 2007	LWVLL Lunch & Learn, Noon, Nebraska Club
Tuesday, October 9, 2007	LWVLL Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 18, 2007	LWVLL Lunch & Learn, Noon, Nebraska Club
Thursday, October 25, 2007	LWVLL Dine & Discuss, 3:50 p.m., State Capitol
Sunday, November 11, 2007	Veterans Day Armistice signed to end World War I, 1918 (now honors all US veterans)
Tuesday, November 13, 2007	LWVLL Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 15, 2007	LWVLL Lunch & Learn, Noon, Nebraska Club
Tuesday, December 11, 2007	LWVLL Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 20, 2007	LWVLL Lunch & Learn, Noon, Nebraska Club
Saturday, December 15, 2007	Bill of Rights Day Signing of the Bill of Rights, 1791
Wednesday, January 9, 2008	Nebraska Legislative Session Begins
Saturday, January 26, 2008	LWVNE Board Meeting
Saturday, February 2, 2008	LWVLL Snow Date
February, 2008	Youth Voter Month
Thursday, February 14, 2008	League Birthday
Tuesday, February 26, 2008	Legislative Day (tentative)
March, 2008	Women's History Month
Saturday, March 8, 2008	International Women's Day
Tuesday, April 15, 2008	First Amendment Day
Sunday, April 20, 2008	Volunteer Recognition Day
April, Date TBA	LWVLL Annual Meeting, Details TBA
Late April or Early May, Date TBA	LWVNE Council. Details TBA
Tuesday, May 13, 2008	Primary Election Day
Friday, June 13 through Tuesday, June 17, 2008	LWV National Convention, Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, November 4, 2008	General Election Day

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