



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

*March 2008*

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## Calendar of Events

**March 20 (Thursday):** Noon  
Lunch & Learn,  
US Bank Bldg 20<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
13<sup>th</sup> & M.  
Guest: Ann Bleed,  
Nebr Dept of Natural Resources  
*See article at right.*

**March 31 (Monday):** All day long  
Debates, St Paul UMC  
1144 "M" Street, Lincoln  
Detailed agenda on page 2.  
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**April 12:** 10:30-12:00  
LWVLL Annual Meeting.  
Watch for details in a separate  
mailing, and in our April *Voter*.

## **Ann Bleed to speak at the March 20th LWVLL Lunch and Learn**

Ann Bleed, the Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, will discuss Nebraska's water resources at the League of Women Voter's Lunch and Learn. The luncheon, open to the public, will be held Thursday March 20th at noon on the 20th floor of the US Bank Building, 13th and M streets. The cost is \$8.00 which includes lunch, tax and gratuity. Reservations are required by noon Monday March 17th and may be made by contacting the League Office by e-mail at [lwv-ne@inebraska.com](mailto:lwv-ne@inebraska.com) or by phone at 475-1411. Please include your name, the number of reservations requested along with your phone number or e-mail address.

Ms. Bleed has been with state government since 1988, serving as State Hydrologist with the Department of Water Resources until 2000 when that department merged with the Natural Resources Commission. After the merger, Bleed assumed the role of Deputy Director. Among other duties, she was a member of the negotiating teams that successfully developed settlements to the interstate lawsuits before the U. S. Supreme Court on both the North Platte River and the Republican River.

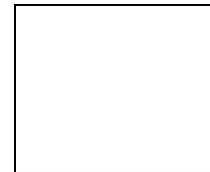
The League of Women Voters Lunch and Learn events are held on the third Thursday of each month from September through May at noon on the 20th floor of the US Bank Building, 13th and M streets. The April 17th speaker will be Dr. Les Spry, President Elect for the Nebraska Medical Association [NMA] speaking on the efforts being made by NMA to promote State Healthcare Reform for Nebraska.

## **Debate Volunteers and Questions Still Welcome**

Debates for candidates in Unicameral Districts 21, 25, and 27, NU Regents District 1, and Republican and Democratic Senate races are scheduled for **Monday, March 31**, at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 "M" Street (see agenda on page 2 for details). League volunteers are needed throughout the day to greet voters, assist candidates, and maintain adherence to debate protocols among audience members. To volunteer, members should contact Sharon Nemeth, Debate Coordinator, ([dnetlnk@hotmail.com](mailto:dnetlnk@hotmail.com)), using "Debate Volunteer" in the subject line or call her at 489-3571). Members are also encouraged to submit questions for any of these debates, especially the Regents debate, which was added after the public request for questions in the Neighborhood Extra. Questions may be emailed to [dnetlnk@hotmail.com](mailto:dnetlnk@hotmail.com), using "Candidate Questions" in the subject line or mailed to Questions, League of Women Voters, The Apothecary, Suite 215, 140 North 8th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, until March 22, 2008. Debate sponsors will make the final determination of which questions will be used. Unused questions will be retained for possible inclusion in future debates.

The LWVLL Education Fund is funding the debates and also the taping of no more than eight hours of debate coverage for re-broadcasting on 5CITY-TV (Time Warner Cable Channel 5). The LWVNE Education Fund has approved a grant to tape and re-broadcast up to four hours of Senate debates. Debate co-sponsors, who are also providing funding and volunteers, are the Friends of the Mayor's Commission on Women, the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging, the National Council of Negro Women, the North 27th Street Business and Civic Association, the NAACP, and Saint Paul United Methodist Church.

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**DAY OF DEBATES AGENDA AND CANDIDATE LIST\***  
**March 31, 2008**

**11:30 am—1:00 pm**      *Unicameral District #21*  
**Nonpartisan**

CANDIDATES: Vern Barrett, James Arthur Jeffers, Tami  
Soper, Ken Haar, Justin Larsen, Curtis D. Schell  
MODERATOR: Peggy Briggs, LAAA, Live & Learn  
TIMER: Pam Dingman, MCW

**1:00 pm—1:15 pm**                      **BREAK**

**1:15 pm—2:15 pm**      *Unicameral District #25*  
**Nonpartisan**

CANDIDATES: Travis A. Wagner, Kathy Campbell,  
Brent Smoyer  
MODERATOR: Sonja Smith, MCW  
TIMER: TBA

**2:15 pm—2:30 pm**                      **BREAK**

**2:30 pm—3:30 pm**      *Unicameral District #27*  
**Nonpartisan**

CANDIDATES: Colby Coash, Chuck Stepanek, Dan  
Marvin  
MODERATOR: Pat Walter, LWVLL President  
TIMER: Kris Beckenbach, MCW

**3:30 pm—4:00 pm**                      **BREAK**

**4:00 pm—5:00 pm**      *NU Board of Regents Dist. 1*  
**Nonpartisan**

CANDIDATES: Tim Clare, Don Costello, Earl Scudder  
MODERATOR: Shirley Maly, LWVLL  
TIMER: TBA

**5:00 pm—5:30 pm**                      **BREAK**

**5:30 pm—6:30 pm**      *Republican Senate\*\**

CANDIDATES: Mike Johanns, Pat Flynn  
MODERATOR: Laura Schneider, LWV Hastings  
President & Liaison to LWVNE Board  
TIMER: TBA

**6:30 pm—7:00 pm**                      **BREAK**

**7:00 pm—8:30 pm**      *Democratic Senate\*\**

CANDIDATES: Scott Kleeb, Larry Marvin, James Bryan  
Wilson, Tony Raimondo  
MODERATOR: Nancy Intermill, LWVNE  
TIMER: TBA

\*Candidates are listed in the order in which they were listed in the Lincoln Journal Star, March 4, 2008, p. 2B.

\*\*Presumed Green Party nominee Steve Larrick and presumed Nebraska Party nominee Kelly Renee Rosberg are invited to be present during the Senate candidates' debates so voters may learn about their candidacies as well.