



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

March 2010

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Calendar of Events

March 18 (Thurs.): Noon
LWVLL Lunch & Learn.

Guest: Andrew "Skip"
Hove Jr.

Topic: *How the Economy
Got This Way*

US Bank Bldg 20th Floor,
13th & M Streets, Lincoln.

Reservations required by
Monday noon, March 15.
*Reservations must be
honored.*

Contact the League office
by email at

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or by phone at 475-1411

Include your name, the
number of reservation

requested, contact
information (phone and/or
email) and if you want a
vegetarian meal.

See article at right.

March 24 (Weds.):

Forum on the proposed
West Haymarket Arena.
Unitarian Church,
6300 A Street

See article at right.

April 10 (Sat.):

LWVLL Annual General
Meeting, 9 a.m.
Legacy, 7200 Van Dorn,
Fireside Room (basement).

March Lunch & Learn to Discuss Economy

At the Thursday, March 18th, League of Woman Voters Lunch and Learn Andrew "Skip" Hove Jr. , Former Vice Chairman & Acting Chairman of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will speak on *How the Economy Got This Way*. His talk will center on some of the causes of today's financial situation, and where we may go from here.

Mr. Hove, a native of Minden, Nebraska, graduated from University of Nebraska, and the Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin. After graduation he was commissioned in the US Navy and designated a Naval Aviator. Before being appointed to the FDIC, he was Chairman of the Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co. From 1990 to 2001, Hove served either as Acting Chairman or Vice Chairman of the FDIC. Currently he serves as Director of Great Western Bank, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and The Federal Home Loan Bank, Topeka, KS and is a consultant with the Promontory Financial Group of Washington, DC.

Mr. Hove resides with his wife Ellan in Lincoln where he volunteers with the Civil Air Patrol and NeighborWorks.

Lunch and Learn events are open to the public. The cost is \$10, which includes speaker, lunch, tax and gratuity. Binding reservations are required by noon, Monday, March 15th, and may be made by contacting the League office by e mail at lwg-ne@inebraska.com or by phone at 475-1411. Include your name, the number of reservations requested and contact information (phone and email) and if you want a vegetarian meal. All reservations are expected to be honored.

The League of Women Voters Lunch & Learn events are held on the third Thursday of each month from September to May at noon, on the 20th floor of the US Bank Building, 13th and "M" Streets. With advance reservations, all luncheons are open to the public. The April 15th Lunch and Learn will feature Bruce Barnhouse speaking on *Wind Energy and LES Electrical Grid*.

League to Host Forum on Arena Proposal

On Wednesday, March 24th, from 7 PM -9 PM, The Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Church and League of Woman Voters of Nebraska will host a forum, Arena, Yes-No, which will be on the May 11th primary ballot. Carol Connor, LWV Board member will moderate a discussion with Kandra Hahn, BS, MA, an administrator at UNL, and Jennifer Brinkman, campaign manager and spokesperson for Citizens for Jobs and the Lincoln Haymarket Arena. Following the moderated discussion, written questions will be taken from those in the audience. This event will be held on March 24th, 7-9 PM at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street. Parking is available in the Church parking lot, and across Eldon Drive to the West of the Church parking lot, in the Catholic Social Services parking lot.

McGill Addresses February Lunch & Learn

On February 18th, Senator Amanda McGill, who represents Northeast Lincoln in the Nebraska Legislature, spoke at the LWVLL Lunch and Learn. Senator McGill is the newly elected chair of the Urban Affairs Committee and serves on the Judiciary Committee and Business and Labor Committees. She is serving as the pro bono Managing Director of the YWCA in Lincoln and has several leadership roles in national organizations focusing on women lawmakers.



Senator McGill shared her views, as a first term Senator, of how the system works and how term limits affect policy makers. She stated she thinks the Unicameral system works well. She expressed concern over any system where one party feels it has control of everything. She said policy makers need to work together and compromise to find the common ground. She feels the Unicameral system helps keep partisanship under control and people working as statesmen to solve problems and not pushing political agendas. Rare partisan issues arise, but she feels the Senators maintain the decorum necessary and work together fairly well to keep “politics” in check.

Senator McGill was mixed on whether she favored term limits as they exist. She felt partially because the pay is so low, the average term is only six years. She thinks a limit of three terms might be helpful in resolving an issue with the learning curve she experienced. She said most people feel they are still learning how things work in the first two years, the third year she felt confident and was made a committee chair in the fourth year.

Senator McGill’s priorities this year include issues with payday lending and changing provisions for some murder cases and redefining manslaughter. In light of very high numbers of sexually transmitted diseases in eastern Nebraska, she is also very interested in looking at legislation that twenty-two other states have found successful in lowering these numbers. Some states allow dispensing of antibiotics to partners of those treated for STDs.

Several questions were raised from the group. The Senator explained that redistricting will be taking place and Lincoln may pick up an additional seat. There have been conversations about the affordable housing trust fund and whether it will be used for other things. She feels there is a strong commitment from many senators to keep it secure. There is also legislation proposed to do away with the split electoral vote which resulted in a first time ever electoral vote cast in Nebraska for a democratic candidate for president. Questions were raised about the Juvenile Justice system in Nebraska. Senator McGill explained that she served as the chair of the committee working to resolve the Safe haven situation and hearing testimony and discussions of what was happening really lit a fire under her on these issues. She said they have passed a bill to add a hotline to help parents find services they need. There is an issue of sealing of juvenile records so kids who turn 19 can actually get jobs they might not be able to get with a blemish on their records. She feels that Magellan needs to improve their relationship with their clients. She said she has been working with Senators Avery, Campbell and Coash to identify ways to improve the current system.

Call to Voter Registration 2010

I appreciate the time from all the volunteers doing voter registration. It is an activity important to the League's mission and also a significant revenue source to our budget.

It has been two years since we last updated the list of volunteers. I will be contacting current volunteers to determine if you are still interested in helping on this project. If you have not done voter registration before and are interested in helping, please contact me to sign up as a volunteer and contact Maura Kelly Tolzin, Deputy Election Commissioner at 441-6550 to be trained. Training takes about an hour and is required for us to serve as deputy registrars for the Election Commissioner.

In addition to the question on the arena bond issue, the other offices up for nomination in the May 11 primary can be found on the Election Commissioner's website at

<http://lanaster.ne.gov/cnty/election/candidat0510.htm>

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Ready to Run

The sixth annual Ready to Run™ candidate school will be held Saturday, March 27, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. This year's workshop is geared toward women who have decided to run for elected office – and their campaign committee members. Respected campaign advisers and women currently in elected office will share insights into what's involved with running a campaign, with an emphasis on finances and fundraising.

The workshop takes place at College of St. Mary's Hilmer Art Gallery. Registration is \$25 per person, or \$15 for students.

Ready to Run™ is a project of the Women's Fund of Greater Omaha and Friends of the Lincoln Mayor's Commission on Women.

To register, send a check to:

Women's Fund of Greater Omaha
7602 Pacific Street, Suite 300
Omaha, NE 68114

Or call 402.827.9280 to register by phone.

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Time Dated Material
Please Do Not Delay

Sponsor a Student Reservation for Lunch & Learn

There has been interest expressed in some of the Lunch & Learn presentations scheduled for this spring by Lincoln high school students. Since the cost of lunch is fixed by what we pay for lunch, tax and service charges for the facility, the League is unable to offer discounted lunches for those who find it somewhat cost prohibitive.

We are asking our membership if they might be willing to “sponsor” a high school student to encourage her or his participation in these events. In January, the students are being asked to report back to the class on what they have learned.

The LWVLL board discussed this idea in January with the suggestion that anyone who would like to help to offer to sponsor students at future lunch and learns — please contact L&L committee chair or member Karen Dienstbier (kdien@neb.rr.com) or Patte Newman (pattnewman@neb.rr.com) to offer financial assistance.

It was agreed that a 50% reduction (\$5 off) might be appropriate to offer students on a first come, first served basis and only if sponsorships are available. Specific details of how this type of sponsorship would be left to the L&L Committee to work out.

Thanks for considering a different way to promote the League of Women Voters to a younger audience!