

# League of Women Voters

## South Bend Area



### Mayors Luecke & Rea Wrap up ARRA Series



South Bend Mayor Steve Luecke and Mishawaka Mayor Jeff Rea will speak about the local impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 at the December Lunch with the League. ARRA is an economic stimulus package enacted by Congress in February.



The Lunch with the League series on ARRA is designed to help inform the community about the Act's impact at the federal, state, and local levels. Congressman Joe Donnelly spoke in October, followed by Indiana Senator John Broden in November.



### Working Together to Protect Lake Michigan

League Member Jenny Dunville

On Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, I represented the LWVSBA at the Lake Michigan League of Women Voters '09 Annual Meeting held at the Presbyterian Camp, lakeside in Saugatuck, MI. What a great day! 65 women & men from Leagues surrounding Lake

Michigan, all working very hard to advance the following agenda for the lake:

- Implement objectives of 2009 Great Lakes Restoration Conference including restoring water quality, preventing & controlling invasive species, cleaning up toxic pollution and mitigating the impact of global warming on the Great Lakes
- Advocate water conservation, resource protection & the *Great Lakes Compact*
- Monitor pharmaceutical levels in lake water
- Monitor permitted discharges into the Lake.

Individual States presented reports on hot button, state specific issues. Indiana representative, Janet Greenwald, spoke about climate change/Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, latest release rates on Northwest Indiana's worst polluters and BP Whiting's permitted release air pollution legal issues. I very quickly learned that these are broad issues impacting not only Lake Michigan but the entire watershed. Happy to keep everyone informed on Indiana specific issues as they arise. I Loved attending this event & would like to represent us next fall when LMLWV meets in Wisconsin.

For more information about the efforts to protect Lake Michigan visit [www.lmilo.org](http://www.lmilo.org) or [www.healthylakes.org](http://www.healthylakes.org) or [www.glc.org/about/glbc.html](http://www.glc.org/about/glbc.html)

### League Co-hosts Redistricting Seminar

The League of Women Voters will join with Common Cause/Indiana, AARP and law organizations from IU Law in Indianapolis to host a seminar on redistricting reform. The seminar, entitled "Redistricting 2011: A New Day for Democracy or Politics as Usual," will take place at the Indiana State Capitol on Friday, December 18th. State and national experts will discuss how and why the Legislature should reform the redistricting process in Indiana.

For more information about the seminar and to register online visit [www.commoncause.org/indiana](http://www.commoncause.org/indiana)

### Lunch with the League

December 11 Mayors Steve Luecke & Jeff Rea

If you have an idea on topics/ speakers for Lunch with the League please pass them on to Lisa at [lisa.plencner@comcast.net](mailto:lisa.plencner@comcast.net)

*Lunch with the League takes place at the Chocolate Café in Downtown South Bend the second Friday of each month. The speaker will begin at noon but feel free to come as early as 11:30 to enjoy lunch.*

**Evening with the League** – Third Thursday of each month at the Beanery in downtown Mishawaka. The next *evening* is January 21st, speaker TBA. For more information or to suggest a topic or speaker contact Kimber at [ksorensonbrugh@memorialsb.org](mailto:ksorensonbrugh@memorialsb.org)

**LWVSBA Board Meetings** – Fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm in the Pokagon Room - basement of the Downtown Library. Everyone is welcome.



**Come Brunch with us for  
the Holidays!**



We'll be celebrating the holidays together this year inside the beautiful Studebaker Mansion. Please join us at Tippecanoe Place for brunch Sunday, December 20th, beginning at noon. We have chosen the Youth Services Bureau's Young Mothers Program as our Holiday charity. A representative will join us at the party to talk to us about the organization and collect any gifts we choose to donate. Thank you for your generosity in any way you may be able to help.

**Youth Service Bureau Young Mother's Program Wish List**

- Diapers (especially bigger sizes 3-5)
- Baby wipes, lotion, formula, monitors
- Thermometers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hair products
- Women's socks
- Strollers
- Playpens
- Cribs
- Women's clothing, especially plus-sizes
- Boy's clothing

*\*Monetary donations are also very much appreciated*



The LWVSBA Newsletter is distributed quarterly and we welcome submissions from our members. Please submit your articles to:

- Amanda Ceravolo - [ahart@ywcasic.org](mailto:ahart@ywcasic.org).
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- Kim DeQuis - [kimberly.dequis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kimberly.dequis@sbcglobal.net)

If you are not a member of the League but would like to find out how to join contact League President Lisa Plencner at [lisa.plencner@comcast.net](mailto:lisa.plencner@comcast.net)

**Hungry for a  
Little Taste of Peace?**

Everyone is welcome to come together January 16th for the 2010 Little Taste of Peace. The event is designed to bring together people of different racial and cultural backgrounds to talk about ways we can all work together to promote justice and peace in our community.

In 2002 the Urban League first hosted an event, designed to promote racial dialogue, called Just Desserts. In 2003 a similar event was held however in 2004 the Director of the Urban League had left and no other group picked up the idea. In 2005 several groups came together to revive the dessert and discussion format and called it the Little Taste of Peace.

**2010 Little Taste of Peace**

**When: Saturday, Jan. 16th  
6:30-9:00pm**

**Where: New Horizons  
Outreach Ministry  
56165 Mayflower Road  
South Bend**

Participants are encouraged to bring a dessert or finger food! Trained facilitators will help lead the discussions.

For more information contact Glenda Rae Hernandez 287-7715

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