

# THE VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Berea & Madison County

## LWV\_EVENTS

### Monday, 7 p.m. Nov. 9 MEMBER MEETING Energy Meeting: Part 2 Public Library Community Room, Berea

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**OBSERVER CORPS**  
Reports on local Government Meetings are on our Web site including **Howard Bowden's** report on Fiscal Court's **Oct. 27 meeting**.

## Energy study continues Nov. 9 in Berea

Our second energy study member meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 9, at the Berea Community Room of the Madison County Public Library at 319 Chestnut Street in Berea.

A panel of experts in renewable energy and energy efficiency will answer three specific questions formulated by board members **Jeanne Nakazawa** and **Elizabeth Crowe**. Questions from the audience will also be addressed.

Invited panelists are environmental lawyer Robert Ukeiley; engineer and environmentalist David Brown Kinloch; and KFTC member Gina Chamberlain. The panel will address wind energy resources, energy hydro resources and efficiency housing among

other topics.

In early 2010, there will be a member meeting to discuss and respond to study questions developed by the State League Energy Committee. The date for that meeting has not as yet been determined.

There will be no member meeting in December.

### January Addresses

State of the City and County Addresses have been scheduled for 2010. Mayor Steve Connelly will present his address to the citizens of Berea on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Berea Council Chambers. Citizens are invited to attend the address or watch it live on Access Channel 12, Berea.

Judge Executive Kent

Clark is scheduled to present his State of the County address on Jan. 21 in the Fiscal Court Chambers at 7 p.m. The address will be televised on Access Channel 45, with citizens invited to attend the live presentation.

Mayor Lawson will present the State of Richmond City address Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at Richmond City Hall Commission Chambers. Citizens are invited to attend the live presentation or watch on Access Channel 12, Richmond.

All three addresses will be reshown during the week of Feb. 1. A specific schedule will be published in the *Berea Citizen* and *Richmond Register* in January.

## CANDIDATE FORUMS 2010

2010 is the year, if you check your Citizen's Guide, that all elected officials are up for re-election. Candidates for the many positions on the ballot in 2010 begin filing Nov. 2 and have through Jan. 26 to do so. LWV of Berea and Madison County is hoping to conduct as many forums as we can if we can get volunteers to assist from both new and old members. The Board thanks you in advance. Start formulating and writing your questions and sending them to <LWVBMC@yahoo.com>.

— Cecile Schubert

## LWVUS takes to YouTube



LWVUS is now on YouTube sending messages on current national policy issues. In the video at left, **President Mary Wilson** urges citizens to "stand up to the lies" and to encourage their senators to vote for health care reform.

## Give Department of Peace a chance?

LWVUS will host its 49th National Convention June 11-15 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Program planning proposals for convention consideration must be submitted by March 1, 2010.

One local league is trying to drum up support for a national position on a Department of Peace in the U.S. Cabinet. LWV of Columbia/Boone County, Missouri has proposed the adoption of a national study on the establishment of a cabinet level Department of Peace.

This study would support and expand LWVUS positions on Violence Prevention in the U.S.; International Relations; U.S. Relations with Developing Countries; the United Nations; and Arms Control. By doing this at the Cabinet level, the approach of

peace and nonviolence would be included in the consideration of all problems from the outset. The Department of Peace will develop and manage programs which reduce the levels of violence in the U.S., and increase the chance of peaceful resolutions of conflicts internationally.

A similar resolution introduced by Rep. Dennis Kucinich, HR 808, in the 2007-2008 session of Congress was never taken up for debate.

If you would like to get more information about the possibility of such a study for LWV, contact these Missouri members: Dick Parker<rbparker@centurytel.net> or President Elaine Blodgett<elaineblodgett@mchsi.com>.

## Voting rights fight continues in 2010

A new bill BR 2 has been pre-filed by Rep. Jesse Crenshaw in the old effort to automatically restore voting rights to ex-felons who have served their time. Crenshaw's bill would allow voters to amend

the Kentucky Constitution to allow automatic restoration of former felons voting rights. Currently, anyone convicted of a felony must request a pardon from the governor.

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